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Echo-Hawk lays out '10 Worst Cases', professes optimism for future

Lawyer-professor-activist Walter Echo-Hawk (Pawnee) brought an explication of the 10 worst Indian law cases ever decided to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation recently. Echo-Hawk addressed a CPN Cultural Heritage Center audience containing a large percentage of tribal officials, tribal attorneys, tribal judges, and a federal judge.

Echo-Hawk's theme for the evening comes from his new book: In the Courts of the Conqueror: The 10 Worst Indian Law Cases Ever Decided. The book literally revolves around the 10 worst Indian law cases ever decided. Besides religious freedom, the cases cover land ownership and rights, treaties, and other topics.

Echo-Hawk told the CPN audience that recent Supreme Courts, from the Rehnquist Court in 1985 to the present, have had very poor track records when it comes to Indian affairs. "They have ruled against Indian Nations in over 80 percent of the cases that come before them. Prison inmates are treated better in the U.S. Supreme Court than are Indian Nations," he said. "I wrote the book because I wanted to understand the forces at work which produce these



Walter Echo-Hawk delivers a lecture on his book at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center.

kinds of decisions that affect Native people in the U.S."

Chronologically, the first of these worst decisions was *Johnson v. M'Intosh*, decided in 1823. It is still on the books today. "That

decision appropriated title to the land owned and occupied by Indian nations to the United States under the Doctrine of Discovery," Echo-Hawk said. "The court ruled that the act of discovery of North America by European explorers operated to transfer legal title of the land to the U.S. That is obviously a very unjust ruling that diminished tribal land ownership rights ... and was justified by notions of European racial superiority."

One of Echo-Hawk's 10 cases came from Oklahoma - and the 20th century. *Lone Wolf v. Hitchcock* was decided in 1903. It concerned the breaking of a treaty by Congress in Oklahoma of the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Indians and the taking of their reservation lands in violation of the treaty. "The court upheld that action,

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Walking On

Janet Marie Higbee Barwick



Janet Marie Barwick was born on March 1, 1947, the daughter of Louis 'Howard' Higbee and Lois (Kirkland) Higbee in Shafter, California. She departed this life on March 27, 2011 in Norman, Oklahoma at the age of 64 years.

Janet had resided in Norman, for the past 13 years, after moving from Lexington, Oklahoma. She attended Shafter High

School in California and graduated in 1965. She was employed at the University of Oklahoma's Couch Center residential hall, in the kitchen. Janet enjoyed crocheting, watching movies, playing bingo, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Bill Higbee.

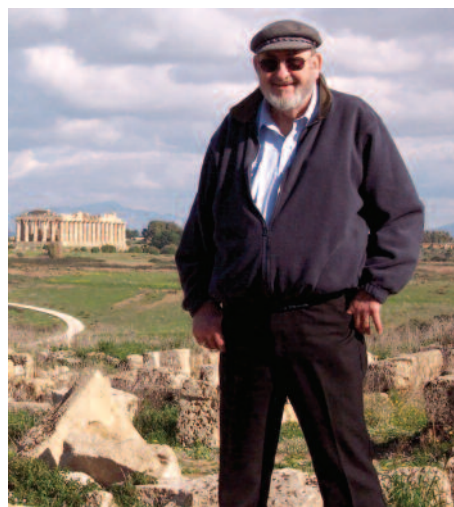
She is survived by one son; Allen Barwick of Norman; one stepson, Larry 'Chipper' Barwick; one stepdaughter, Julie DePetro; a sister, Frances Skidmore and her husband Dave of Norman; two grandsons, Allen Kirk Barwick II and Denin James Barwick; Jodi Marti, the mother of her grandsons; and many other relatives and friends.

Billy Dan Higbee

Billy Dan Higbee walked on peacefully, surrounded by family, on April 17, 2006, in Fresno, California, following a brief battle with cancer. Bill was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to many.

He was predeceased by both of his parents; a stepson, Timothy Morris; and a step-grandson, Bryan Perez.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn; chil-



dren Richard and Anna, Robert and Charan, and Dennis and Pia Higbee; stepchildren Michael and Rita Calandrino, Patrick and Sonia Morris, and Kathryn and Curtis Blue, grandchildren Rachel and Samuel Higbee, Anthony Perez, Mikael and Taline Calandrino, Jessica Morris, Breandain, Kiana, and Malina Blue, and Timothy and Trevor Morris; sisters Frances Skidmore and Janet Barwick; niece Denise; and nephews David and Allen.

He was born on August 5, 1936, in Lexington, Oklahoma, the son of Lois Vera Kirkland, and Louis Howard Higbee. At the age of 7, Bill and his family moved west and settled on a farm in Shafter, California. Bill attended Shafter High School and Bakersfield Junior College and ultimately graduated from UC/Berkeley, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He married, and settled in Southern California, where, with his first wife Jo Ann, he helped raise three sons: Richard, Robert, and Dennis. Through his example, he raised his sons to be loving and compassionate men. He supported them in everything they did, often leading their YMCA clubs or coaching their sports teams.

He loved sports and passed that love on to his boys; at all times, he was their greatest fan. Bill loved the outdoors and was always there to lead a group in a trip to the mountains. Throughout his years of affiliation with the YMCA, he helped instill strong Christian values in his sons. Through his many positions of leadership, he set a stellar example for responsible participation

in the community.

Following 36 years of service to Honeywell, Bill retired and followed his heart to the mountains, where he and his wife, Marilyn, purchased a small mountain ranch and home outside of North Fork, California. He truly felt at home there and reveled in God's natural cathedral amidst the peace and beauty of the Sierras.

A proud Native American, Bill regularly participated in Citizen Potawatomi Nation events during his retirement years and passed his pride in his heritage on to his sons.

Bill was one of those rare souls who had the ability to find the good in just about anyone, and as such, shared a lot of love with others. For that, many loved him dearly and are assured of his final reward. He will be missed deeply and remembered fondly by all who knew him and loved him. Until we reunite again one day, may God bless him and keep him close.

Anzo Jo Nelson

Anzo Jo Nelson was born in Lindsay, Oklahoma on February 22, 1925. She died in Mt. View, California on February 26, 2011, just four days past her 86th birthday.

Ms. Nelson worked at Libby's and the Dinah's Hotel. Jo was proud of her Citizen Potawatomi heritage.

She is survived by her granddaughter, Cessie Rapanut, and her family and by family members in Port of Angelas, Washington.

A Mass was said for Jo on March 19, 2011 at 12:15 p.m. at Most Holy Trinity Church in San Jose, California.

Billie Jean Robinson Crowder

Billie Jean Robinson Crowder, a resident of Muskogee, Oklahoma, went to be with the Lord at the age of 84 on Sunday, March 20, 2011 in Muskogee. Billie was born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on March 20, 1927, the daughter of John Daniel Robinson and Ila Nancy (Peltier) Robinson. She grew up in Muskogee and attended Muskogee schools.

Billie enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She loved cooking, gardening,

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music, and camping out. She loved her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Billie was preceded in death by her mother and father; her first husband, Ernest Cottrill; her husband, Cecil Crowder; and her daughter, Patricia May Russell.

Billie is survived by her two sons, Johnny Cottrill and his wife Lucille of Muskogee and Martin Crowder and his close friend Betty McFarland of Muskogee; four daughters, Cecilia Hilger and her husband Elmer of Okay, Oklahoma, Glenda Stockam of Muskogee, Donna Chapman and her husband Willis of Keefeton, Oklahoma, and Veronica Matlock of Muskogee; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and several cousins.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Agnew Cemetery on Elm Grove Road at 1:00 p.m. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory. Condolences may be made to the family at www.CornerstoneOfMuskogee.com.

Michael Lee Taylor



Tecumseh, Oklahoma resident Michael Lee Taylor, 60, died on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at his residence. He was born on March 22, 1950 in Shawnee, the son of Clyde and Bonnie Taylor. He attended schools in Shawnee and Tecumseh, graduating from Tecumseh High School in 1969. After graduation, Michael Taylor worked at several jobs in Oklahoma City, returning to work at Gordon L. Cooper Technology Center in 1994, where he was currently employed. He was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Shawnee.

Survivors include his mother, Bonnie Taylor of Tecumseh; father, Clyde Taylor of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; a brother, Phillip Keith Pruner of Oklahoma City; a nephew, David Jacobs of Norman, Oklahoma; a cousin, Donna Murrell of Shawnee; and

special friends Connie Little, Charlotte Ellis, Verna Factor, Regina Anderson, and Vicki Mason, along with his Gordon Cooper Family.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 7, 2010 at Tecumseh Cemetery with the Rev. Mike Matlock officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that small stuffed animals be sent; they were donated to charity. Arrangements were under the direction of Walker Funeral Home of Shawnee.

As the first anniversary of Michael Taylor's passing approached, his mother, Bonnie Taylor, wrote: "It's been a year since we lost Mike Taylor. I was told it would get easier, but that hasn't been the case with me, as his mother. It seems to get harder. The cemetery is my second home.

"I again wish to thank those who sent stuffed toys to be given out later to children. And, again, (I wish) to thank Gordon Cooper (employees) with whom Mike worked for 17 years. And, again, thank you for everything you did for Mike.

"And, (I want) to also again thank our Potawatomi Indian tribe for all their help. Mike and I were and are very proud of our tribe. Thanks, Chairman Rocky Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps!

"Mike and I were baptized in the Immanuel Baptist Church, on east Main in Shawnee, when Mike was seven. I am grateful for the time God gave me with Mike."



CPN member Bonnie Taylor visits the grave of her son, Michael Taylor.

Esther F. (Prickett) Adams

Esther F. (Prickett) Adams, 86, of Wamego, Kansas and a longtime resident of rural St. George, Kansas, passed away on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at Wamego City Hospital in Wamego.

Esther was born on February 26, 1925 in Wamego, the daughter of Ernest Max Prickett and Marguerite (Welch) Prickett. She grew up in the Belvue, Kansas community,



attending elementary school at Welch school, high school in Wamego, and college at the University of Maryland in Berlin, Germany. Esther married Robert G. Adams on May 11, 1946 in Wamego. He preceded her in death in 1993.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Association of the U. S. Army, the Happy-Go-Luckies of St. George, and the Belvue United Methodist Church. Esther worked at McCall Pattern Company in Manhattan, Kansas until her retirement in 1990. Following her retirement, she worked as a volunteer for several organizations until her health kept her from continuing as a volunteer.

Esther is survived by her one daughter, Brigitte (Barbara) Adams, of Ohio; two sisters, Phyllis Riat of Belvue and Joanne Hoogstraten of Gobel, Michigan; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Robert.

Esther's remains were bequeathed to the University of Kansas, School of Medicine. A memorial service for her was held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at Belvue United Methodist Church,

Maggie Bell (Harper) Jones

Maggie Bell (Harper) Jones, age 87 and a long-time resident of Konawa, Oklahoma, passed away on March 14, 2011 at her home, surrounded by her adoring family.

Maggie was born on July 29, 1923 in Purcell, Oklahoma, the daughter of Waymon Harper and Ethel (Wolf) Harper. She was married to J.D. Jones. Maggie lived in



Konawa the last 22 years of her life.

She loved to crochet, read the Bible, and watch television. Maggie enjoyed eating fried chicken at Convenience Corner, known as "KK's," in Konawa. Her supreme joy was to be with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons, Bobby Ray Alderson of Santa Cruz, California and Jack D. Jones of Grass Valley, California; three daughters, Joyce Kapellas of Konawa, Coretta Garcia of Bethany, Oklahoma, and Gina Neves of Stockton California; 12 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Waymon and Ethel Harper, and all of her siblings. She was the granddaughter of Martha Curley, and she was a niece of Ms. Curley's daughter, Nettie Poynor, who is still living.

A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2011 at Swearingen Funeral Home Chapel in Konawa, with the Rev. Richard Winters officiating. Interment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery at Konawa.

Wanita Clifford

SHAWNEE, Okla. - Mrs. Wanita Clifford died in her granddaughter's home on May 10, 2011. She was 88. Wanita was born July 25, 1922, the daughter of Vina Bruno and Narcise Pensoneau in Barnsdale. In 1942, she married James Kenneth Clifford and had three children, Kenneth, James, and Linda. Wanita lived in Oklahoma all her life and, after retiring from Tinker Air Force Base, she moved back to Shawnee in 1969.

Wanita was a member of St. Benedict Catholic Church and a member of the St. Benedict Altar Society. She was also an Oblate of St. Benedict of St. Gregory's

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Cultural Heritage Center

Citizen Potawatomi "Founding Families"

By Kelli Mosteller

In her 1978 book *Families*, author Jane Howard wrote, "Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family. Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one." Howard's understanding of the importance of familial relationships is very similar to that of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. For the CPN family is at the center of everything. We each know to which of the founding families we belong, and if we are lucky, how our family branches off and connects with others.

Every year at our Family Reunion Festival, we focus on a small selection of the families and take care to honor them, providing a space for distant cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents to visit and reconnect. It is not uncommon to meet another tribal member and soon find oneself engaged in the "So, what family are you?" conversation.

But, what do we mean by "founding families"? Why do we seem to care that we are related to well-known figures like

Joseph N. Bourassa or Abram Burnett? When does our history as a distinct group begin? 150 years ago, our ancestors signed the treaty that established which families would comprise the new Citizen Band of the Potawatomi Nation.

In 1861 a large group of Potawatomi, about 2,200 people, were living on a reservation in northeast Kansas near Topeka. The stories of how they had come to reside in that place are varied and often tragic. Some had moved out with missionaries decades before with the hope of distancing themselves from Euro-Americans. Others had been marched to the region on the Trail of Death in 1838. Most had endured multiple removals and survived numerous broken U.S. government promises.

Regardless of how they got to Kansas, in 1861 all Potawatomi on the reservation were under incredible pressure by the federal government to sign yet another treaty. This one was to lay the groundwork to make them allottees and United States citizens. The federal government's hope was that the Potawatomi would become fully assimilated, farm, pay taxes, and relieve the burden of the "Indian problem" (as it related to the Potawatomi Nation) for the

government.

Under the circumstances they faced, roughly 1,400 individuals made the decision to become allottees and citizens. These people became the Citizen Band, and those that refused to follow that path became the Prairie Band. Therefore, the "founding families" are the Potawatomi who decided to strike out and engage with the government in a new way, distinct from their kinsmen.

The process was not as cut and dried as it might first appear on paper. Fewer than 100 tribal members actually signed the treaty in November of 1861, but all Potawatomi living on the Kansas reservation were subject to its terms. They were given a two-year grace period to conduct a census, survey the reservation, and make the decision to take allotments and citizenship or abstain.

Many individuals struggled with the decision. Some, who initially spoke out against the treaty, eventually agreed to its terms and became Citizen Band members; others, who agreed in the beginning, changed their minds and decided to move onto the diminished Prairie Band reservation.

Similarly, when the time came to move from Kansas to Indian Territory, many of the founding families were the first to make the move. They would come down in family groups, as they could afford to make the trip. Not all of the Citizen Potawatomi founding families decided to move south, however. Some chose to sell their allotments and claim new homesteads in Kansas while others struck out on their own going west or north to Canada.

Therefore, as members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, we must remember that it is not only blood that connects us to one another. We also have a shared past; our ancestors struggled and made agonizing decisions that they hoped would make things better for future generations. Just as Jane Howard's quote suggested, they knew that we would need each other.

If you would like to know more about your family or want to share your story I encourage you to visit the Cultural Heritage Center.



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stating that Congress could take their land and break their treaty against their will because it had absolute (plenary) power over them, and the courts could not review that action," Echo-Hawk explained. "That unjust decision sanctioned tyranny over a minority group in the midst of a democracy and placed Indians under the absolute power of Congress at a time when Indians could not even vote."

Despite a history littered with such disastrous court decisions, Echo-Hawk pronounced himself optimistic about a shifting of the tides of legal fortune. "Over time, the Obama administration will make new appointments, and the complexion of the court will change to the point that we can

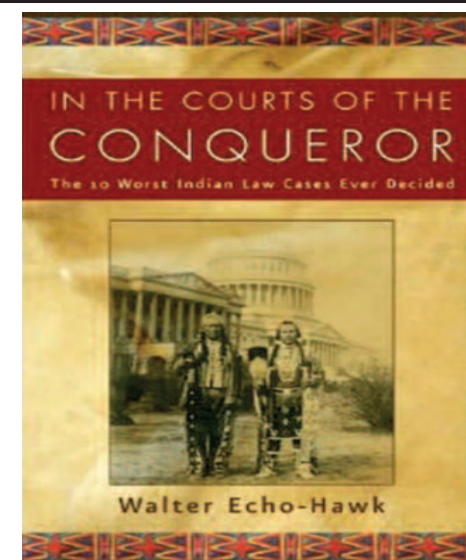
steer the court back in line with the other two branches of government," he said.

Echo-Hawk believes that the Supreme Court is rowing against the tide in that when it attempts to whittle away tribal sovereignty. "The other two branches of government want to bolster and strengthen tribal sovereignty and have done so through Indian self-determination policies that have been the federal Indian policy since 1970," he explained.

A large increase in the number of Indians who have pursued the law as a profession and the increasing financial good fortune of many Native American nations, giving them resources to fight legal battles on a better footing, also buoy Echo-Hawk's op-

timistic attitude.

Echo-Hawk serves as Justice of the Supreme Court of the Pawnee Nation; of counsel with Crowe & Dunlevy, Oklahoma's oldest and largest law firm; and as an adjunct professor at Tulsa University School of Law. He is admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court. As a staff attorney for the Native American Rights Fund for 35 years, he represented tribes and Native Americans on significant legal issues during the modern era of federal Indian law. In addition to litigation, he worked on major legislation, such as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and federal religious freedom legislation.



Sen. Jim Inhofe speaks at CPN**Republican senator predicts GOP 2012 congressional sweep****By Wayne Trotter****Tecumseh Countywide & Shawnee Sun**

U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe is "absolutely confident" that the Republicans will control both houses of Congress after the 2012 elections but isn't so sure his party can defeat President Barack Obama. The Tulsa Republican raised the prospect during a visit to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation on Tuesday, April 19. Sen. Inhofe spoke at a breakfast held at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center and sponsored by the Shawnee and Tecumseh chambers of commerce.

Following the meeting, Inhofe expanded on his 2012 election predictions in an exclusive interview with The Countywide & Sun after the breakfast had ended. "Absolutely, they will," Inhofe said when asked about how confident he is that the Republicans will control Congress. But his tone changed when the subject turned to the presidential race.

"I'm not confident about that," he responded. "I won't use the L-word because people get mad when I do. But he (Obama) can say things that aren't true with more conviction than anyone I've seen."

"Let me give you an example. When he gave his energy speech two or three weeks ago, I was the one who responded on FOX(News). I said, 'Here's a guy who said yes, we want to increase our natural gas.'"

"And then in the very next paragraph he said, 'We have to do something about federally regulating hydraulic fracturing.' In other words, he wants to do away with hydraulic fracturing which means you can't get gas."

"This is the way this guy works. Everyone's applauding. Yeah, we want more natural gas. The environmentalists are all applauding because he's going to do away with hydraulic fracturing."

"When I talk to people, whether it's the agriculture industry, the manufacturing industry, anybody else, they all think that they're targeted. They're all targeted. You talk to anyone in this room about what they're having to do right now in terms of regulation."

In the interview with The Countywide & Sun, Inhofe also said that if a filibuster develops over raising the debt limit without tying a balanced budget amendment to it, he's likely to participate. Sen. Jim DeMint, a South Carolina Republican, has said ear-



U.S. Sen. James Mountain Inhofe spoke at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center, predicting the Republican Party will hold onto control of the U.S. House in 2012 elections and re-take control of the U.S. Senate.

lier he would filibuster attempts to raise the \$14.2 trillion debt limit unless a balanced budget amendment also is approved.

"If we do that, I'll be a part of it," Inhofe said, noting that he already has announced his opposition to raising the debt ceiling.

"In Bush's time, there were six increases in the debt limit. I supported three and opposed three. In this case, there are such large increases that I've decided we have to oppose it because of the amount of money being spent on social engineering at the expense of the military."

"I'll be using every resource that we have to stop this."

In his speech before the joint legislative breakfast, Inhofe said the nation is having problems in three major areas. "No. 1 is the spending," the senator said. "They used to say, 'Well, we inherited the deficit from Bush.' Well, Bush's deficit averaged less than \$250 billion a year. This president's deficit in the first two years was \$5 trillion. There's just no comparison. He can't keep doing it."

"In the first two years, he had total control of the House and the Senate and he increased the debt greater than all presidents from George Washington to George W. Bush combined. I always carry around pictures of my 20 kids and grandkids. They're the ones who're going to be paying for this."

Inhofe said the second great national problem is overregulation by the Environmental Protection Agency. He also reviewed his lack of belief in global warming,

**CPN Veterans Organization**

Bozho, Veterans,

The website is up and running at www.cpnveterans.com. Check out all the information available there - coming events, letters from members, etc. - and register your e-mail address.

At the latest meeting, members voted to hold meetings every other month on the fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. Upcoming meetings will feature dinner, videos, and various speakers on a variety of topics.

Now, the time is near for our miniature golf outing. The CPN has one of best mini-putt courses in Oklahoma.

We have accomplished a lot in four years. I would like to thank all veterans for their support for our organization. We have grown steadily in attendance because of the website created by member Herb Holton and Nathan McKay, Assistant Director of Public Information. They spent long hours designing the website. We owe them our thanks.

It's time to go.

May God Bless Our Troops,
Keith Cagle, Commander.

which he called "the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people."

The senator said after the cap-and-trade bill was defeated, President Obama started trying to accomplish the same thing through EPA regulations. "That's the big battle that's going on now."

The third big problem area, he said, concerns the military. He said the last budget produced by the president had a \$1.65 trillion deficit. Inhofe recalled that in 1995, the entire budget proposed by then President Bill Clinton was smaller than the proposed deficit in the latest Obama budget. "In this budget, the only cuts were military. All the social agendas were increased."

He said the backbone of Oklahoma has always been oil production, agriculture, and the military.

Inhofe, a longtime proponent of congressional earmarks, said arguments against the practice are fraudulent. "If you read the Constitution, it says what we are supposed to be doing in Washington. We are supposed to be doing appropriations. That's earmarks. And, if we don't do it, automatically the president does it."

"The Republicans - not the Democrats - in the House of Representatives had a one-year moratorium on earmarks, and it was discovered that the biggest mover behind that was none other than Barack Obama. If we don't appropriate, it goes back to the president."

During a question-and-answer period, Inhofe commented on the decision by Standard and Poor's to reduce the outlook for

the U.S. economy to "negative," a move widely regarded as a precursor to reducing the nation's AAA credit rating. "That's a wake-up call," Inhofe said. "Those people who are the big spenders in Washington were saying, 'Look how favorably the stock market reacted.' You can't increase the debt in two years more than it was increased in 230 years, and that's what happened."

To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard, contact Herb Holton at 405-598-5984 or e-mail him at herb39h@valornet.com.



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A Potawatomi Life Well-Invested: Lavena (Ogee) Powell Terry

Lavena (Ogee) Powell Terry
1927 - 1995

Lavena (Ogee) Powell Terry was born on February 4, 1927 in Maud, Oklahoma, the daughter of Cecile (Ogee) Powell and William Jefferson Powell. Her Potawatomi lineage is through the Beaubien/Ogee family, a proud history shared by many who will read these words. In May 1995, Lavena suffered two fatal brain aneurysms. She walks now with our Father, but lives on through her three children Jeff, Teresa, and Elisa (Nawgises Kwe) and her three grandchildren: Josh (Kshiwke), Danna (Deb-wede), and Joe (Naganse mko), who cherish her memory and exemplify her spirit within their own lives.

Lavena married Joe Lee Terry in 1949 in Lubbock Texas, a year before they both graduated from Texas Tech, Lavena with a B.A. in Education and Spanish. They had three children - Jeffrey Neil (1950), Teresa (1952), and Elisa (1954) - in San Antonio, Texas, where Joe worked as a petroleum geologist. In 1958 Arco Oil moved the family to Jackson, Mississippi.

In the midst of the turbulent Civil Rights era, Joe's and Lavena's lives were a daily example to their children of Christian respect for all humanity. Joe started his lifelong subscription to National Geographic Magazine and the family dinner talk centered on cultural diversity and religious tolerance. People of many ethnicities came to eat at their table and share life stories.

Lavena was the only white reporter brave enough to remain on Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Hazel Brannon Smith's staff at The Northside Reporter in Jackson, Mississippi in the early 1960s. The privately-owned paper battled then-current laws and social mores, along with the still-powerful Ku Klux Klan to print ugly truths in hope of bringing equal rights to the Deep South. However, a burning cross and a bombed newspaper office prompted Lavena and Joe to move their young family back to the safety of San Antonio in 1965.

All three children had graduated from university by 1976 and presently live in Texas. Jeffrey Terry became a civil engineer and had two children: Joshua Neil Terry, born 1981 and now an investment broker in Dallas, and Joseph Austin Terry, born in 1985 and now a Staff Sergeant serving



In the photo above, Lavena Ogee is pictured in Clovis, New Mexico, along with (from her right) siblings Billy, Jerry, Marilou, and Carole. At left, Lavena Ogee was photographed in 1945 at age 18.

overseas in the US Army. In 1991, Jeff married Claire Erikson. Teresa Terry became an artist and public school teacher on New Mexico's Navajo reservation, in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and in the Texas public school system. Elisa, a musician, writer, and secondary school teacher, married acoustician and musician Russell Emerson Berger II in 1978, and had Danna Nicole Berger, who was born in 1984 and is now a Cultural Anthropologist.

Lavena's beloved husband Joe Lee Terry passed away on January 2, 2011.

Following the move back to Texas, Lavena continued speaking out against racial, social, and moral injustice, waging a lifelong campaign for human rights and Christian values that was courageous and selfless. She hated indifference and intolerance, mourned displays of social inhumanity, and was resolute. She didn't like "no" or "I can't" as an answer. Her editorial letters, columns, and articles appeared in local and national publications. A student of God and of Man, she amassed a large personal library of Biblical references, as well as books that investigated the intricacies and complexities of God's greatest creation - Mankind. She taught in the San Antonio school system, relishing her time working with growing minds.

She loved fellowship, continuing through the years to keep in touch with friends all over the world, including distant relatives, high school friends, college buddies (both hers and Joe's), members of various church and Bible study classes she and the family had attended over the years, PTA clubs, hospitality, civic, and women's groups, a writer's club, and geological aux-



iliaries to which she belonged. She also re-connected with her native Citizen Band Potawatomi tribe, which became the Citizen Potawatomi Nation at about the time she passed. She made sure all of her children were registered and knew their native heritage.

She loved her family. When she died, Lavena was caring for her mother, Cecile Powell, who suffered with Alzheimer's disease.

She was creative. Having learned to sew from her mother, Lavena helped both of her girls learn to sew their own clothes, as well as do crewelwork and knitting and cook - from beignets to smothered quail.

She had a playful spirit. She loved to celebrate Christmas, fondly remembering her grandfather's joy from portraying Father Christmas every year in Maud. She played bridge, dominos, and word and card games, and loved staying up all night working jigsaw puzzles with her daughter.

She cherished the beauty of nature, as witnessed through her photography and rock and flower collections. She had traveled to Israel, Europe, Mexico, Canada, and much of the USA, but loved her Hill Country home off Scenic Loop Rd., never tiring of the beautiful Texas sunrises viewed from her hillside windows. After recovering from breast cancer surgery in 1994, Lavena planned to write a book on her and Joe's move to the Hill Country - humorous anecdotes of country life woven together with a spiritual thread. It was to be titled *Now See Here, Deer!*

Maternal lineage - Beaubien 1700s:

The Potawatomi were still on native soil (present-day Ohio) when the French Beaubiens were first reported in America, before the American Revolution. Charles Beaubien, a captive, along with Daniel Boone, of the Indians after they attacked Kent settlers in the Illinois frontier, was a French fur trader living in Detroit. History records a letter he wrote to the famous Major John Smith in the colonies. Charles' brother Jean Marie Beaubien ran a sawmill on Lake St. Claire on the Detroit River. His brother Joseph Beaubien lived in Detroit and served as an American soldier.

Joseph and Josette Bondy Beaubien gave birth to Jean Baptiste Beaubien in Detroit in 1787. Jean Baptiste and his Potawatomi wife, Man-Nah-Bun-No-Quah, gave birth to Charles Henry Beaubien in 1807 in Ft. Dearborn, Detroit, five years after the tribe's treaty with the U.S. government. (Charles also had an illegitimate older step-sister Marie, whose Ottawa mother died in childbirth.)

Man-Nah-Bun-No-Quah died during the War of 1812, in which the Potawatomis fought with the Americans and French against the British. Jean Baptiste then became a fur trader in Milwaukee and married Josette LaFrambois, also a Potawatomi. They moved to Chicago in 1818. There were only 14 houses and 17 people in Chicago at that time. Their son Alexander (born in 1821) is recorded as the first white child born in Chicago.

Charles and Lydia Kennedy Beaubien had six children from 1836 to 1854: Sophia, John, Helen Julia, Emily Antionette (born in 1851), and Charles Jr. Charles had become a teacher in Chicago in 1829 in a small family school that served the small white community. The Beaubiens were noted founders of Chicago and prominent in Illinois history, being trustees of the city of Chicago in 1832 and bringing the first piano to Chicago in 1834. Charles and his father Jean Baptiste were officers in the new Chicago Militia in 1832.

Maternal lineage - Ogee 1800s: Joseph Ogee first worked as an agent in 1818 for the American Fur Trading Company in Peoria, Illinois. Joseph and wife Mary Made-line gave birth to Mary Margaret in 1819,

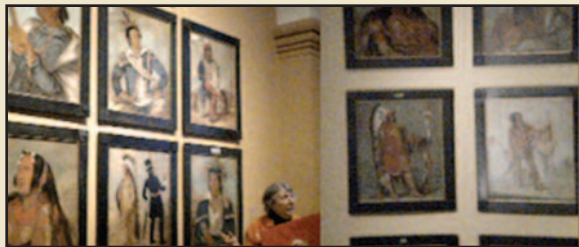
See LAVENA POWELL on page 22

Visit to the Smithsonian Museum of American Art & Luncheon - March 2011



About 25 Potawatomis and their family members and friends met at the Smithsonian Museum of American Art on Saturday, March 26, 2011. The Smithsonian provided the group with two docents for a private tour of the Catlin paintings at the Museum. A couple of Audobons and a striking marble sculpture of Tecumseh caught everyone's attention on the way to the Catlin gallery.

After the Museum tour, the group walked a half-block to the CPN District #2 office for a buffet lunch and some conversation. District #2 members from Florida, North Carolina, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia attended. Eva Marie Carney, CPN legislative representative for District #2, said that, judging from the smiles on their faces and their gracious thanks at the end of the day, the CPN members enjoyed themselves -- and meeting each other -- thoroughly. Rep. Carney added, "I hope you can join us at a future event!"



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DISTRICT #8

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Saturday, July 23rd, 2011 - Missoula, MT

An evening event is being planned in Missoula, Montana on Saturday, July 23rd. If you are in Eastern Washington, Idaho, or Montana, please consider attending what will be the first Citizen Potawatomi event in the area (to my knowledge). This will be a District #8 event, not a Regional Meeting. We will have a light dinner, PowerPoint presentation, Indian Hand Games, and prizes for the youngest and "wisest" Potawatomi.

Please e-mail me if you might be interested in attending. There will be future announcements with more details. A naming ceremony will be organized for the next morning, if there is interest.

Dave Carney, District #8 Representative

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2011 Family Reunion Festival

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2011

6:00 a.m.	Wellness Center Open House (until 6:00 p.m.)
8:00 a.m.	Registration Begins at Pow Wow Grounds (until 8:30 p.m.) Shawl-Fringing Class - Human Resources Conference Room (Until 5 p.m.) Beadwork Class - Cultural Heritage Center (until noon) Camp Dress and Ribbon Shirt Design Class - Cultural Heritage Center Honored Family/Veterans Interviews (until 5:30 p.m.) - Cultural Heritage Center Tribal ID Cards Prepared (Until 8:30 p.m.) - North Reunion Hall Shawl-Fringing/Beadwork/Camp Dress & Ribbon Shirt Design Classes - Pow wow grounds
8:30 a.m.	Children's Fingerprinting - South Reunion Hall (until 5:30 p.m.)
9:00 a.m.	Photo & Document Scanning - Cultural Heritage Center Founding Family Film Festival - Cultural Heritage Center/Voices of Heritage Theatre Swimming Pool at Pow Wow Grounds opens (until 9:00 p.m.) <i>Youth Arts & Crafts (until 11:30 a.m.) - Tribal HQ</i> <i>Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds</i>
10:00 a.m.	Softball Tournament Sign-up (14 & older) - Softball Fields Hot Dogs, Bratwursts, Smoked Bologna Served - West side of pow wow grounds (Until 10 p.m.) <i>Swimming Pool at Tribal Headquarters Opens (until 6:00 p.m.)</i>
11:00 a.m.	Registration for Adult/Teenage Pool Tournament until 12:30 p.m. - Southeast Corner of FireLake Discount Foods Parking Lot
12:00 p.m.	Vendors: Arts & Crafts & Food - Pow Wow Grounds Health Aid Foundation Information Booth - North Reunion Hall - closes at 7 p.m.
1:00 p.m.	Beadwork Class - Pow wow grounds (until 4:00 p.m.) Appliqué Class - Pow wow grounds (until 4:00 p.m.) Adult/Teenage Pool Tournament until 4:30 p.m. - South side of FireLake Discount Foods Parking Lot <i>Youth Arts & Crafts (until 4:30 p.m.) - Tribal Headquarters</i> <i>Children's Activities (14 & under)- Tribal HQ - Chess and Checkers (Registration begins at 11 a.m.)</i>
5:00 p.m.	Chess Tournament - Game Pavilion (west side of North Reunion Hall) Beginning Language Class - Cultural Heritage Center (until 6:00 p.m.) Intermediate Language Class - Cultural Heritage Center (until 6:00 p.m.)
5:30 p.m.	Dinner - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (West) - served until 7:30 p.m. Cultural Heritage Center closes for the night
6:00 p.m.	Domino Tournament - Game Pavilion (west side of North Reunion Hall) Horseshoes Tournament - Between FDF parking lot and the creek <i>Swimming Pool @ Tribal Headquarters Closes for the day</i>

6:30 p.m.	Traditional Hand Games - Reunion Roundhouse
7:00 p.m.	Checkers Tournament - Game Pavilion (west side of North Reunion Hall) Pool at Pow Wow Grounds closes for the day <i>Dance Under the Stars and Dance Contest/Live DJ - South of FDF</i>

8:00 p.m.	Registration for Night Golf Begins - FireLake Golf Course
9:00 p.m.	Night Golf/Scramble - FireLake Golf Course

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2011

7:00 a.m.	Voting opens (until 2:00 p.m.) - Tribal Court - Administration Building Tribal ID Cards Prepared (Until 3:00 p.m.) - South Reunion Hall/(Until 2:00 p.m.) - Administration Building FireLake Wellness Center Open House (Until 3:00 p.m.)
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (West) (Served Until 9:00 a.m.) Registration for Golf Tournament Begins - FireLake Golf Course
8:00 a.m.	Registration Begins at Pow Wow Grounds (until 8:00 p.m.) 2011 Bourassa Honored Family Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center Studio (until 9:45a.m.) 2011 Burnett Honored Family Interviews-Cultural Heritage Center Conference Room (until 9:45 a.m.) Sacred Heart Tour (transportation provided) - Cultural Heritage Center Parking lot Health Aid Foundation Information Booth - North Reunion Hall - closes at 3 p.m. Tribal Veterans Meeting - Cultural Heritage Center Founding Family Film Festival - Cultural Heritage Center/Voices of Heritage Theatre Fry-Bread Making Demonstration - Pow Wow Grounds Appliqué Class - Pow wow grounds (until noon) Beadwork Class - Pow wow grounds (until noon) Camp Dress/Ribbon Shirt Design Class - Pow wow grounds
8:30 a.m.	Golf Tournament (Four-person teams) - FireLake Golf Course - Vendors: Arts & Crafts & Food - Pow Wow Grounds Health Fair (until 3:00 p.m.) - Health Services Fry Bread Competition (16 and older) - Pow Wow Grounds Children's Fingerprinting - South Reunion Hall (until 5:30 p.m.)
9:00 a.m.	Longbow-Making Demo - Archery Area, West of Pow Wow Grounds Photo & Document Scanning & Family Research - Cultural Heritage Center (until 10:30 a.m.) Caring for Your Feet - Wellness Center (until 2:00) 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament (15 and older) - Pow Wow Grounds Softball Tournament - South side of Pow Wow Grounds Swimming Pool at Pow Wow Grounds opens (until 5:00 p.m.) <i>Youth 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament (14 & under) - Tribal HQ (Registration begins at 8 a.m.)</i> <i>Youth Arts & Crafts (until 11:30 a.m.) - Tribal Headquarters</i> <i>Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds</i>

10:00 a.m. Language Class— Cultural Heritage Center (until 11:00)
Hot Dogs/Bratwursts/Smoked Bologna Served - West Side of Pow Wow Grounds (until 10 p.m.)
Archery Tournament - West of Pow Wow Grounds
Trail of Death Movie - Potawatomi Church Building
Fun & Games in the Potawatomi Language - Administration Bldg.
Youth Art Competition (CPN Members Only/Ages 6-15) - Tent on South side of FireLake Discount Foods Parking Lot
Swimming Pool Opens (until 5:00 p.m.) - Tribal Headquarters
Youth Coloring Contest (9 & under) - Tribal Headquarters (Until Noon, winners announced at 1 p.m.)
Children's Language Class - Tribal Headquarters

11:00 a.m. Photo & Document Scanning & Family Research - Cultural Heritage Center
Youth Softball Throwing Contest (14 & under) - Tribal Headquarters (Registration begins at 10 a.m.)

11:30 a.m. Lunch - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (West) (Served until 1:00 p.m.)

12:00 p.m. 2011 Peltier Honored Family Interviews-Cultural Heritage Center Studio (until 1:45 p.m.)
2011 Wamgeo Honored Family Interviews-Cultural Heritage Center Conference Room (until 1:45 p.m.)
Drumming Session - next to Bourbonnais Cabin at the Cultural Heritage Center (until 2:00 p.m.)

1:00 p.m. Photo & Document Scanning & Family Research - Cultural Heritage Center
Youth Arts & Crafts (until 4:00 p.m.) - Tribal Headquarters

2:00 p.m. Adult Art Competition Registration (Winners to be announced during General Council Meeting) - Cultural Heritage Center
2011 Willmet Honored Family Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center Studio (until 3:00 p.m.)
2011 Vieux Honored Family Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center Conference Room (until 3:00 p.m.)

3:00 p.m. General Council - Cultural Heritage Center

5:00 p.m. Tribal Heritage Family/Veterans Interviews - CHC
Photo & Document Scanning - Cultural Heritage Center
Founding Family Film Festival - CHC/Voices of Heritage Theatre
Swimming Pools at Tribal Headquarters and Pow Wow Grounds close for the day

5:30 p.m. Gourd Dancing - Pow Wow Grounds
Dinner - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (West) (Served until 7:30 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. Cultural Heritage Center closes for the day

8:00 p.m. Grand Entry/Dance - Pow Wow Grounds

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2011

7:00 a.m. Traditional Ceremonies - Prayer Circle/Sharp House

7:30 a.m. Breakfast - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (West) (Served until 9:00 a.m.)

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Tour (transportation provided) - Heritage Center parking lot
Tribal Heritage Family & Veterans Interviews (until 12:30 p.m.) - CHC

Photo & Document Scanning (until 12:30 p.m.) - Cultural Heritage Center
Founding Family Film Festival - Cultural Heritage Center/Voices of Heritage Theatre

9:00 a.m. *Youth Arts & Crafts (until 11:30 a.m.) - Tribal Headquarters*
Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds
West Clinic Open House (until 2 p.m.) FireLake Grand Casino area

10:00 a.m. Swimming Pool at Pow Wow Grounds opens (until 2:00 p.m.)

10:30 a.m. Church Services - Church Just North of Health Clinic

11:30 a.m. Lunch - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (West) (Served until 1:00 p.m.)

12:30 p.m. Cultural Heritage Center Closes for the Weekend

1:00 p.m. Mini-Putt Tournament - FireLake Mini-Putt/Pow Wow Grounds

3:00 p.m. Volleyball Tournament - Grandstand Area

*****SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE*****

MEGWETCH

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LISA KRAFT

Legislative Columns

District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho, Nikan,

Spring, at last! This past winter is not one I want to repeat anytime soon. We're looking forward now to all the good things of summer – Family Reunion Festival, time at the lake, The Gathering of Potawatomi Nations, and all the area pow wows.

Speaking of summer, this past summer, my son-in-law caught a large turtle on his fishing line. It measured 13.5x10.5 inches. It is now a hand drum, a photo of which I have included.



I have already mentioned the reunion festival but I will do it again and encourage you to make plans to attend. If you have never been to a festival, I can assure you will not be disappointed. Each year, some of the original families are honored. This year the families are: Bourassa, Burnett, Melot, Navarre, Peltier, Wamego, Willmet, and Vieux. I'm sure you will see lots of these family members there.

Spring and summer is also the time for Regional meetings. My plan is to attend the District #2 meeting on April 30. Then, my District #1 meeting is scheduled for May 14 at the Airport Holiday Inn at 8801 NE 112th St. in Kansas City, Missouri. As always, we will honor the wisest youngest members who are attending, along with the tribal member who travelled the greatest distance.

I plan also to have a district meeting in the northeast area, date and location not yet determined. I also look forward to the naming that will take place during Festival. If



you do not know the procedure for requesting your name, let me know, and I can help you with that.

I recently made a trip to Shawnee and was amazed at all the construction activity. The new events center is well underway; the new bowling alley should be open by Festival; and construction of a huge, 12-acre pond is underway. It will be used to geo-thermally heat and cool several of the enterprises in the area, such as the new events center, the bowling alley, and more. The Nation continues to be environmentally conscious thanks to our forward-thinking leadership, Chairman John Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps.

I will close this article as always with a plea for your contact information. If you do not receive e-mail or regular mail with updates and coming events or other information, it is because I do not have your contact information. If that is the case, please e-mail me at Rslavin@potawatomi.org or mail me at Roy Slavin, District #1, 6730 Tower Drive, Kansas City, Mo. 64151. Migwetch.

Roy Slavin
District #1 Representative

District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho/Hello, Fellow Citizen Potawatomis,

Event Updates: About 25 of you came to the Museum Tour and District #2 Lunch event in late March. Migwetch for attending. Quite a few families, and the states of Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware, and the District of Columbia, were represented.

I was very happy to meet my second cousins, once removed (I think that's the best way to describe the relationship), Josh and Tiffany Barnett. Josh is in the Louisiana National Guard and currently posted to Fort Meade, Maryland. His sister Tiffany is living in Leesburg, Virginia, so they attended their first District #2 event, together.

More Juneaus were in the house! We visited with many Catlin paintings and over lunch we discussed customs and regalia and my legislative work. Several attendees also highlighted their recent activities, notably Fred Clark, who has been travelling around the country on behalf of the U.S. Forest Service talking about sacred sites with elders and Native government leaders.

I look forward to the next opportunity to gather together with you. We Citizen Potawatomis are a good bunch! I had a snafu with my camera so I don't have much documentation of the visit, but I did take lots of pictures. What was salvageable is up on my website and posted to my Facebook page if you want to take a look.

By the time you read this in print, we will have had our Florida Panhandle meeting as well. With my camera back in working order, I expect to have many photos of the weekend's events, including a photo record of the Musical Echoes Flute Festival, which will take place during our meeting weekend in Fort Walton Beach. Thank you to CPN member and Floridian Nelda Pettifer Seever and her family who have done ALL the work on the ground to organize our meeting. Please let me know if you can contribute your energy to the planning of a meeting in your corner of District #2.

Family Reunion Festival and Gathering of Potawatomi Nations Dates: Don't forget the Family Reunion Festival, during the last weekend in June, and the Gathering



of Nations, scheduled for August 4-6. Please make your travel arrangements today, so you don't miss out on decent fares and meaningful experiences.

This year's Gathering will be hosted by the Hannahville Community, whose lands are outside of Wilson, Michigan, on Michigan's Upper Peninsula. I haven't seen a schedule of events posted for either the Festival or the Gathering yet, but expect that the Hannahville gathering will emphasize language, since that is one focus of the Hannahville community.

Sandwiched between these two events - in July- is the Baltimore Indian Center Traditional Powwow/Arts Festival, held at the Timonium Fairgrounds outside Baltimore, Maryland. I've posted details on my website and hope to get a group of us to attend together. The dates are July 9 and 10. Please send me a note or call to let me know which of the two days will work better for you and I'll coordinate the visit!

Reading Corner: You might be interested in the current book by Walter Echo-Hawk, the noted lawyer, tribal judge, scholar and activist. He has handled cases involving Native American religious freedom, prisoner rights, water rights, treaty rights, and reburial/repatriation rights.

He has worked as a lawyer for the Native American Rights Fund for more than 35 years. He was instrumental in securing passage of two federal laws that respect Indian

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and religious freedoms and also the repatriation of Native American remains to Indian tribes. And, now he has released a new book— which he plans to talk about over dinner at our Cultural Heritage center on April 27, 2011. It is titled *In the Courts of the Conqueror*. The promotional material for the book notes:

The fate of Native Americans has been dependent in large part upon the recognition and enforcement of their legal, political, property, and cultural rights as indigenous peoples by American courts. Most people think that the goal of the judiciary, and especially the US Supreme Court, is to achieve universal notions of truth and justice. In this in-depth examination, however, Walter R. Echo-Hawk reveals the troubling fact that American law has rendered legal the destruction of Native Americans and their culture.

Echo-Hawk analyzes ten cases that embody or expose the roots of injustice and highlight the use of nefarious legal doctrines. He delves into the dark side of the courts, calling for a paradigm shift in American legal thinking. Each case study includes

historical, contemporary, and political context from a Native American perspective, and the case's legacy on Native America. In the Courts of the Conqueror is a comprehensive history of Indian Country, from a new and unique viewpoint. It is a vital contribution to American history.

I will have this book in the District #2 library, if you are interested in borrowing it. You can buy your own copy through Fulcrum Publishing or (more cheaply!) Amazon.com.

Contact Details Request (As Always!): One last note - please send me your contact details. Building community is an e-mail-by-e-mail endeavor; please make sure you are included!

Thank you for the honor of representing you.

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District #3 ~ Robert Whistler

Bozho,

On January 24, I had the honor of helping our District #5 representative, Gene Lambert. CPN member Ray Strange made a request to visit Odessa, Texas and make a presentation to the Permian Basin Genealogical Society. (Although it is in Texas, Odessa is in Rep. Lambert's district.)

Gene had other commitments, but I was able to fill in and was thrilled to use a modified version of Chairman John Barrett's 2010 Tribal Area Gathering presentation, which I called, "The Potawatomis from Then to Now," which I delivered to the Odessa group.

The presentation covers the beginning of our tribe and brings us up to our current standing where we are self-sufficient. Jamie Moucka, Chairman Barrett's administrative assistant, has forwarded a copy of this presentation to all legislators, and we are capable of visiting you, and making similar presentations to a variety of groups.

When I made my visit to Odessa, the plan was for Ray, his wife, and me to cover three different areas. Mine was the begin-



ning of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Ray was to cover how to research your family history, and his wife Kolenna was to expand upon that concerning a local area investigation.

Time didn't allow for all three presentations to take place that night. But, all were

completed between that night and the following month's meeting.

Here are Ray and Kolenna making their presentations.



Ray has great subject matter covering genealogy and tracking your ancestors. He goes through a variety of steps and areas that are available to Native Americans to search into their past. He touched on the Dawes Rolls of the Five Civilized Tribes (applicable if you are Cherokee, Choctaw, Mvskoke (Creek), Seminole, or Chickasaw).

Ray went into the pre-federal records for research and that they can be found in the National archives. He noted that Indian Territory in Oklahoma was abolished in 1907 and that Indians, other than the Citizen Potawatomi, were not even considered to be American citizens until after 1924.

Ray provided a large assortment of documents and websites that can be used to trace your ancestors.

In her presentation, Kolenna Strange advised that she has been following the genealogy trail for more than 34 years. Her advice is to not discount the use of funeral records.

It might start with going through the funeral home and cemetery records where your ancestors resided and are buried. She has found that the local folks with the funeral home or at the cemetery may have more information than you realize, and all it takes is a few questions to get some very good information. Many times, a complete biography is in their records, and it gives valuable historical information.

They caution you to be a little skeptical of some of the information because those providing the information might have been under stress and, as a result, the information might have some deficiencies.

While, both Ray and Kolenna are covering some of the starting points to track your history, they also said that family researchers need to write down facts about themselves. That allows the researcher's family, possibly many years in the future, to have an easier time of discovering information in their genealogical search of their past.

Before closing, let me quote our Chairman: "A picture without a date and names just doesn't help in this area!" At times, our Cultural Heritage Center gets a note and some photos, but no details. It leaves too many gaps in important historical data. Be sure you put down the date and the names so they can be used by those in the future. Our Cultural Heritage Center is also a good starting point; they have files on each of our families.

The CHC is always looking for more family information to add to their historical files. So, if you have photos, diaries, bibles, etc. with genealogical data, don't forget them! They need your information.

Until next month, Bama Mine (later)
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District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Friends,

It was a beautiful Kansas day on Friday April 8, as we held our first Health Fair at the Rossville Center. Thanks to the great planning of our Senior Care Coordinator, Joan Winter, the program was a great success.

Joan coordinated more than 10 vendors who were on hand to answer questions. Each vendor had expertise about a different aspect of health care, ranging from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Clinic to a local Chiropractor.

Joan was also on hand all day to answer questions from citizens. There were door prizes with an extra entry in the drawing for those who turned in their expired medications. This was a way for Joan to draw attention to the dangers of using outdated prescriptions or taking the wrong medicine. I noticed that several people participated.

A presentation on diabetes was one of the best-attended; it focused on diabetic needs

Also included in the day's activities was a nice spring feast. Attendees lunched on a meal of ham, fruit and dessert, and some great fellowship.

I took a break from the health fair to speak to a group from Maple Hill in the conference room. They were from the organization that was previously called Farm Bureau but are now called The Sunflower Sues. The Sunflower Sues' goal is to bring together women who otherwise might be isolated by farm life. I had a great time talking to them about our tribe. They had asked me to speak after they saw pictures of one



a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member being named.

As always when I speak to people in the Rossville area, I met people who knew my parents when they were young. This group was no exception. They shared stories of growing up with my dad, mom, and aunts in Rossville and Delia.

I hope many of you are going to be able to go to the Family Reunion Festival in Shawnee this year. I am looking forward to it as mine is one the honored families. Remember to watch for the schedule to make sure you participate in activities like group pictures. While I am there, I will be naming a few Navarre family members who have made the request. Please call me or contact me in some other manner if you have questions

Theresa Adame
Kansas Legislator

District #5 - Gene Lambert

Bozho,

We have had a full month here in District #5. We have had weddings, picnics, and one-on-one meetings leading us through to the most beautiful time of the year. It has warmed up from the freeze and is not too hot, as it can be in summer.

The gathering at Encanto Park/Enchanted Island in Phoenix on April 9th was a huge success. It brought more than 150 Potawatomis together to rekindle that sense of belonging. There were volley ball, horse-shoes, kid bouncers, boat rides, great food,



and, of course, the train rides.

Chairman John Barrett was there to announce the Easter Bunny's early arrival on the train with baskets and gifts for the children. They were so excited to see them – both the Chairman and the Easter Bunny! More than 25 children ran as fast as they could to see the huge rabbit.

We had raffles and gifts for the adults, and all of us enjoyed a great time.



The following weekend brought a beautiful wedding at South Mountain Park for Lee Ray Gentry and his beautiful bride, Tracey Carol Neal. Tracy Carol is a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member. Here is what the bride had to say on Facebook:

Tracey Gentry: So God parted the cloudy skies for us, and we got sunshine for the wedding, but we forgot to pray for no wind! LOL I think the wind chill factor was 40 cuz we all just about froze! lol As soon as we left, the dark clouds and rain came in and there was a double rainbow over South Mountain Park!! It was perfect! Now I'm a



"Sadie, Sadie, married Lady" LOL

We conducted the wedding in tribal tradition with the offering of the tobacco, with the cornmeal circle and the shawl (blanket) wrapped around the Bride and Groom. Then, each corner of the shawl was taken by the bride, groom, maid of honor and the best man to acknowledge the four directions. Then, they vowed to assist and to be there for the newly married couple in their new life and to ensure that they walk straight on their new path.

Another beautiful Bride, Tracey, and her handsome courteous Groom, Lee, now walk into their new life together.

We shared the prayer: *Now you will feel no rain, for each of you will be shelter to the other. Now you will feel no cold for each of you will be warmth to the other. Now there is no more loneliness for you, but there is only one life before you.*

Go now to your dwelling place to enter into the days of your togetherness and may your days be good and long upon the earth.

Please know that should you want to have a Tribal ceremony it is here for the asking. I want to be able to serve you as a Legislator for District 05 for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, in any way I can or am able.

Migwetch,
Gene Lambert
Representative District #5

District #6 - Rande Payne

Bozho Nikan,

I hope everyone is doing well! Things are good here in the heart of the "Golden State". The days are getting longer and everything is still green from early spring rains, but what isn't watered will soon be gold. The dog days of summer are on their way!

We had a nice Open House here at the District Office last month. Most of the folks

were from the local area. I didn't know there are so many Potawatomis in this part of the District! It was a real treat to meet so many nice people. District #7 Legislator Mark Johnson and his wife Rita, along with Mark's mom and dad, came by for a while. It's always a pleasure to see them!

Rapidly approaching is our craft event on May 14th. We'll be making feather hand fans and chokers. We'll enjoy some good

food together but it's really about the fellowship around the tables. This is an inter-district event co-hosted by Mark Johnson and me. All Potawatomi from Districts #6 & #7, young and not so young, are welcome to participate. Everyone is sure to have a fun time, learn a little about our culture, make something meaningful with their hands, and build relationships with their own families and with other Potawatomi.

And just around the corner is The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Family Reunion Festival 2011. This annual event in Shawnee is always the last weekend in June. This year's event promises to be the best yet! Every year this event brings more and more Potawatomi from around the country to gather for a great time. The list of activities includes something for everyone. You will also have an opportunity to learn what's going on with the tribe and see the progress being made with our enterprises and the tribal grounds.

The honoring of our founding families is awesome to see. This part of the event is an opportunity to meet with family members and learn how you are connected. The families being honored this year are the Bourassa, Burnett, Melot, Navarre, Peltier, Wamego, Willmet, and Vieux. Every family is honored only once every seven years or so. If your family is on the list of honored families this year, you will definitely want to do everything you can to be a part of the celebration!

Please go to www.potawatomi.org for complete information and on-line registration.

I have been receiving e-mails and calls from members with a wide variety of ques-



tions. I enjoy helping find the information needed. If you have a question regarding anything Potawatomi, I will do my best to provide you with good information. I can also do naming. If you wish to receive your Potawatomi name, please contact me for more information. You can e-mail me at Rande.Payne@Potawatomi.org or call 559-635-1039.

I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve as your legislator. I want to do everything I can to provide useful information, cultivate interest in our tribal history and culture, and organize events that are meaningful to you. I am very open to your suggestions and ideas. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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District #7 - Mark Johnson

Bozho,

The warm weather has finally made its way into most of District #7, and the wildflowers are in full bloom, as we start heading into summer, I would like to remind our students that the deadlines for Scholarship Applications will be here before you know it. Summer session applications and paperwork are due June 1st, and fall semester applications are due August 1st. It is never too early to get them filled out.

For full-time students, up to \$1500 per semester is available, and for part-time students up to \$750 is available. Also remember that students who receive a Tribal

Scholarship are eligible to receive \$675 for each the fall and spring semesters from the Student Housing Assistance Program to help with living expenses. You must be enrolled in a four-year degree program, or continuing with a Master's or PhD program, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

Recently, I was asked about the Potawatomi Nation Elder Housing Village in Rossville, Kansas, and the Father Joe Murphy complex in Shawnee, and if they were available to members who live in District #7. The short answer is yes, if you are willing to move to Rossville or Shawnee

and wish to be considered for an open unit, you will need to contact Robert Carlile, the director of the housing authority in Shawnee. You will have your name placed on the waiting list. CPN members are given priority when units become available.

As a reminder, on Saturday May 7th, I will be hosting an open house at the District #7 office in Clovis, California, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Saturday May 14th, I will be co-hosting a craft event with Rande Payne at his District #6 offices in Visalia, California. Please come out and join us.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District #7 representative, and as always give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you might have, or provide you with additional information you might need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to. And, please also take the time to give me a call or send me an e-mail with your contact information so that I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation



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District #8 - Dave Carney

Bozho,

District #8 is very large geographically, and I am always looking for "pockets" of Potawatomi to conduct meetings – especially when they fall under the "first-ever" category. I'm very excited about the event I am currently planning for July 23, 2011. We will be having an evening meeting at the "Carousel for Missoula" along the Clark Fork River in western Montana. This is a special venue regardless of how old a kid you might be. I am hoping to draw from Eastern Washington, Idaho, and Montana for this one. To me, this is a true benefit of the creation of the Legislature – taking the government to the people.

For members reading this who have not had the good fortune of spending time in Montana in the summer, let me tell you: It is glorious, with warm temperatures, snow on the surrounding mountains, and daylight until very late. To capitalize on the great weather, we will be conducting the first part of the meeting outside at 6:00 p.m. I hope to introduce the uninitiated to "Indian Hand Games" and give a presentation on the Nation, the District, and a few of the traditional ways of our tribe.

Dinner will be sandwich fixings and fruit platters from Worten's Deli, another icon of



Missoula. There will be prizes presented to the youngest and "wisest Potawatomi". Lastly, the carousel will be open for unlimited rides until the close of the meeting.



The carousel itself is very special because it is hand crafted. More than 100,000



hours of volunteer time have gone into the construction of 38 permanent ponies, three replacement ponies, two chariots, 14 gargoyles, gargoyle frames, mirror frames, and the largest band organ in continuous use in the United States, all within a jewel box building.

If you are at all able to make it, please come and join your fellow Potawatomis for this event.

On another note, the March Regalia-Making Event is still continued ... this time in Anchorage, Alaska on April 23rd. Tony Paige/Nagmegot Moewe is a "twenty-something" member whom I met last summer at the district event there. Tony offered to host a local event at his home, where the friends and family members with whom we connected could get together and keep

building the CPN community. Migwetch, Tony! I'm looking forward to seeing photos of some of the original hand fans that were made and posting them on www.dave-carney.com. (We'll share them in a future *HowNiKan*, too.)

Several members have requested that FireLake Designs make it easier to purchase decals and apparel with the tribal seal. I spoke with Tracy Peltier, the manager, about this need. They are working toward secure e-commerce (buying items on line). In the meantime, Tracy and his team have put together a price list that I have e-mailed to members whose e-mail addresses I have. If you are interested in getting a copy, you can contact me or go directly to Chelsea Cheatwood, in the sales department at FireLake Designs. Her e-mail is ccheatwood@potawatomi.org. Migwetch, Dave Carney/*Kagashi* District #8 Representative www.dave-carney.com dcarney@potawatomi.org 360.259.04027 877.335.4395

District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

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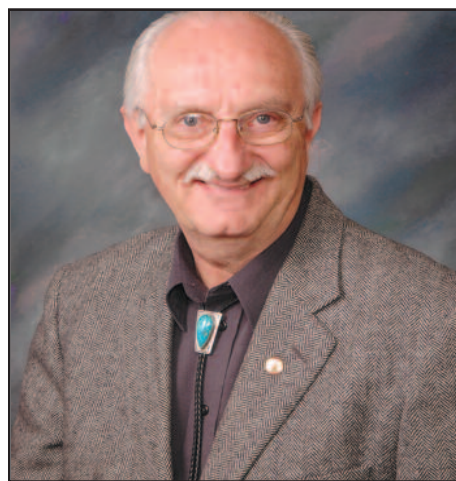
Women, Girls, and Pornography

Pornography is chauvinistic; and like rape, men invented it! Pornography degrades women in the worst imaginable ways by humiliating women and girls and treating them as mere disposable objects of temporal gratification. And, it has nothing to do with love and commitment, fidelity and integrity, respect and tenderness.

Pornography is violent fantasy portrayed in various forms, including films, magazines, comic books, virtual reality games, and internet websites, which are available to children. Many libraries refuse to block hard-core porn sites from taxpayer-purchased computers.

There will always be those who defend pornography (soft, hard, or violent) as an art form or a First Amendment "right" of expression, that is, until it victimizes their mother, wife, or daughter.

Pornography exploits and dehumanizes sex. Human beings, especially women, are treated as sex objects. In most cases, pornography is preoccupied with the female anatomy; therefore, it denies humanness by fragmenting women into body parts without



a mind and spirit.

Most pornography is preoccupied with female anatomy at the expense of personhood and the women's soul, and it actually denies humanness by treating women as genitalia and reducing sex to the level of animal drive and copulation.

Pornography degrades women's dignity, intelligence, political autonomy, and personality. It reinforces sexual stereotypes and promulgates a demeaning message about the role of women in society. It causes men and even women to harshly

compare women's bodies with those of porn stars.

Pornography is also paradoxically anti-sex. Healthy sex is a human bonding between two people in love. The Judeo-Christian scriptures speak of sex as making a man and a woman one flesh. God invented sex and meant for it to flourish in a marital union.

However, pornography actually robs sex of its intimacy and of its bonding mystery. Pornography encourages (and has been the admitted reason for) physical abuse, sadomasochism, torture, incest, voyeurism, bestiality, necrophilia, and humiliation of women and girls.

Each year, 700,000 women and girls are sexually assaulted. In our nation, a woman or a girl is raped every 46 seconds. By the time you read this article, two females will have been raped. One in three American girls will be sexually molested by age 18.

Studies state that 86% of rapists admitted viewing and reading pornography on a regular basis, and 56% of rapists admitted actual imitation of pornographic scenes in committing sex crimes. Of 36 serial sex murderers interviewed by the FBI in 1985, 81% admitted using pornography.

One study concluded that violent sexual materials taught men to believe that women

are responsible for preventing their own rape and that they should not resist a rape attack. Pornography depicting "non-violent" rape sanctions "the rape myth" and places all girls and women at risk.

Pornography is not a victimless crime; its main target is girls and women! Pornography promotes the victimization of women. If you are a woman and fear being alone at night, or if you fear men's attitudes are transformed by the images of pornography, you are already a victim of pornography.

Porn denies women's civil rights and liberties by contributing to their harassment and subordination.

It is discouraging that few churches, synagogues and mosques are actively combating pornography, but it is shocking that feminist and women's organizations are so silent on an issue that attacks their very being!

No matter what your political or religious persuasion, this is a cause that must be fought first and foremost by women. Let me hear from you. Please join me in this winnable cultural war. What are your thoughts?

Migwetch,
Rep. Paul Wesselhöft
District #9

District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

Looking forward with our economy showing signs of moving in the right direction, what will our younger work force need to do to secure a better future? Not only new workforce entrants but also, for that matter, anyone in the work place needs to listen to the experts on how to improve, do a makeover on their business.

First impressions carry outsize importance because of how memory works. If I read you a list of grocery items, you will remember the ones at the beginning and at the end. Those in the middle will be a blur. And, that's how people remember customer service. It's very important to greet your customers with, "May I help you find a particle item?" or "May I get you something to drink?"

Try to stay away from the old statement "Do you have an appointment?" Know your customers; make statements such as "Have you been with us before?" Mention that you like the customer's suit, dress, ear-



rings, or something such as this to engage in him or her conversation. This will win the customer over at the initial greeting.

Personality is also very important, along with the high standards that are required by your company. I think that what companies are really looking for is a person who can adjust himself or herself to the personality of the customer or guest.

Business owners and experts agree that resolving customer complaints is among the best ways to earn loyalty. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation started a Job Pride Department a few years back. I thought it was an excellent way of getting the whole company (CPN Enterprises) on the same page. This is what I've been referring to in my previous columns about seeking excellence. Right now, because that department is not active, the job pride attitude is being combined with other materials during orientation for new hires.

A couple of months back I was very proud to have the privilege of honoring my cousin, William R. Davis, with a plaque for his having been elected one of the seven judges in our 2010 CPN election. What an honor this is for Mr. Davis' parents and my parents to have their children, one as an Associate District Judge and the other one one of the Oklahoma Legislators for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Please, train your children in our



Potawatomi cultural, business, history, constitution, and sovereignty, and they will not wander far when they grow up. We will be dependent on them in the future of our Nation. Let's all stay involved. This is the only way our Nation will endure and continue to service our Potawatomis.
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District #11 - Lisa Kraft

For those of us residing in, or who have lived in, Oklahoma, you know that the state of Oklahoma does not demonstrate mutual respect for the 39 federally-recognized Indian Nations headquartered here. Many of Oklahoma's lawmakers choose to be unschooled about the potential for a true Tribal Nations/Oklahoma partnership. They do not build on or reciprocate the relationships built from the existing gaming, tobacco, fuel, law enforcement, license plates, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) compacts with tribes across the state. (To see a list of compacts visit the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission's website at http://ok.gov/oiac/Compacts_Contracts_and_Agreements/index.html.)

Tribes in Oklahoma, and elsewhere in America, must negotiate with state leaders to conduct certain types of business within the/their state. The states agree to the tribes' business models through federally-regulated compacts, but only after states build in a cut of the profit in lieu of tax revenue. Essentially, the states get the additional income and get to enjoy the economic impact of people spending money locally.

In our case, Oklahoma is stingy and offers nothing back expect unjust paternalism. State lawmakers even try to hold our com-



pacts hostage by not signing them until the tribe cedes sovereignty rights or adopts policy changes in areas such as environmental protection and child protection.

I think if you stopped 10 adults on any Oklahoma street and asked them to rank the economic impact Indian tribes have on Oklahoma Gross State Product (GSP), they would list jobs, recreational choices (e.g. gaming and vacation destinations), and tourism. I believe Oklahoma could be a very powerful socio-economic leader in America if its leaders embraced fellow Indian leaders and planned together for Oklahoma's future with respect to financing,

infrastructure, education, housing, tourism, and natural resources. Oklahoma and tribal nations could leverage resources to go after millions of federal dollars to improve Oklahoma for all its citizens.

When you look at the actions of our state legislature in the final days of their 2011 session, one has to scratch one's head and wonder how we Oklahomans elected so many folks who really don't see the big picture or find it too hard to put one foot in front of the other toward meaningful growth.

One of the most overt acts against Oklahoma tribes occurred when Rep. Ron Peters (R-Tulsa) introduced a bill to dissolve the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission (OIAC). It was enacted into law. Peters claimed doing away with the OIAC will save Oklahoma \$192,000 dollars next fiscal year. Opponents of the bill were quick to say that the Governor may instead appoint a cabinet-level person to advise her on Indian policy rather than a board of elected tribal leaders. However, to be considered, that person would have to be quarter-blood or more Indian.

I have to thank our fellow tribesman, Rep. Paul Wesselhoft, a member of both the Oklahoma and CPN legislatures, for his questioning the bill and his comments on the House floor. You could see the disgust on Paul's face when he told the legislature, "We are always showing them [tribal governments] disrespect," when referring to House Bill 2172. To see the video of the floor debate, please follow http://okhouse.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=365.

The Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission was created in 1967 at a time when there were race riots in more than 100 different cities in America. American Indians and African-Americans rallied together for equal rights as Americans. The creation of the OIAC and governing board is considered by historians and political scientists to be a monumental accomplishment for those pushing for Indian progress in Oklahoma during the Civil Rights Era. Now in 2011, this new law ends the commission and board.

If the Governor does appoint a cabinet member, 39 tribes will have to lobby this one person to get their voices heard. Can you imagine the number of special interests groups and lobbyists that will approach this person? Oklahoma Indians will have to

hope for the appointment of Superman.



(In the photo at top, construction progress on the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum, with downtown Oklahoma City in the background, is shown. At bottom is an architect's rendering of interior lobby space in the AICCM.)

Unfortunately, Oklahoma lawmakers were on a roll the last days of their 53rd session. (They won't return until 2012.) State Senate leaders rejected a \$40 million bond package that would have furthered construction of the State's American Indian Cultural Center and Museum in downtown Oklahoma City. Work crews and heavy fundraising have been ongoing since groundbreaking five years ago.

For a videography of the AICCM, please visit YouTube at <http://www.YouTube.com/watch?v=m5AORiVuvmE&feature=youtu.be>.

Work began in 2006, with more than \$91 million spent to date from the proposed \$170 million cost-to-construct price tag. Gov. Mary Fallin and others supported the proposed bond package during last year's election campaigns, but when it came down to the end of session, the construction measure failed.

It now appears that there is talk of demolishing the work at a cost of \$38 million. In my opinion, the State may be hoping for a tribe to purchase the property and relieve it of the debt and responsibility. I still can't put my mind around why Oklahoma lawmakers would walk away from a tourism money-maker at the crossroads of Interstates 35 and 40 running through the heart of America. This is such a typical action by our Oklahoma government, one in which they dismiss the value of Indian Country in the value of Oklahoma. Please see a full story at

http://nativetimes.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5448:fu

ture-of-american-indian-museum-project-uncertain&catid=47&Itemid=23.

Oklahoma and tribal politics are not what they seem. It is a constant struggle and legal juggle of actions and planning. So, to our Executive leaders for their diligence, the staff of Self-Governance for government monitoring, Greg Quinlan for legal counsel, Michael Dodson for media research and outreach, Department Heads and Enterprise Directors for maintaining professional relationships with federal program officers and community leaders, while staying abreast of appropriations, program pol-

icy, and requirement changes; THANK YOU for keeping our defenses strong in the constant battle over Indian rights, expressionism, and our economic and life-enhancing services.

I hope you get a chance to watch the videos. Be safe on your travels to our reservation. I look forward to seeing you at Festival 2011.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi. Lisa
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District #12 - Paul Schmidlkofer

Bozho Nikan,

Anyone who has driven by the tribal complex recently has probably seen all the construction going on. This is a clear sign that the tribe is doing well. You will notice we are expanding in all directions. The new Event Center is progressing along at a decent pace considering the wind we've had of late. The new bowling alley has now opened.

Our new lake, just west of the grocery store, is also coming along well. It will be a nice complement to the new RV Park in the future. I get lots of questions from people in the local community about what each of these buildings is and when they will be open. So, I would say they are taking notice of what progress looks like. Congratulations should go to the tribe's executive branch for overseeing all this progress.

Most of us are also wondering when we will have rain. The weatherman is telling us this is the longest drought we have had since the dust bowl days. A nasty side-effect of this has been all the wild grassfires we have had this year. Everything has been dry as fireplace kindling. We should all be careful of any outdoors activities we have so we don't introduce any fire or sparks to the outdoors.

With summer just around the corner, I would like to remind everyone to get their reservations in for the Family Reunion Festival this June.



If you have never attended, make this the year you come for your first. It is always a great time. There will be lots of good times, food, and activities for everyone.

Also for all the seniors who are graduating from high school, remember to file your scholarship paperwork with Tribal Rolls. With the ever-increasing cost of college tuition, anybody can use the scholarship. Remember, it is only based on being a tribal member.

As always it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great Nation. Bama pi and migwetch, Paul Schmidlkofer

District #13 - Bobbie Bowden

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, Friends),

One thing I have learned during my service to the Nation is that a lot of our members, including myself, are not aware of all

of the services the tribe offers our members. One service that is very near to my heart is the diabetes program. American Indians die from diabetes at higher rates than any other

ethnic group of Americans.

Again, according to NIH and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) findings in 2009, Indians from the ages of 10 to 20 have the highest prevalence of Type 2 diabetes.

The FireLake Wellness Center not only provides a place to work out but is also a place to develop a wellness-based nutrition plan and receive diabetes treatment and information for CP tribal members and others who are eligible. This program includes, testing supplies, foot care, and nutrition and diabetes education.

With the Indians aged 10 to 20 being at the highest risk of contracting Type 2 diabetes, the tribe's Diabetic Initiative Program also participates in the annual "Native Youth Preventing Diabetes Kids Camp." It is so important to educate our younger members of the risk of this disease. They are our future!

That being said, the Family Reunion Festival is an ideal time to visit the Wellness Center and obtain information on the programs it offers. You can reach the center at 405-395-9304.

During Festival, the Wellness Center Open House will be on Friday, June 24th from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 25th from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please take time to stop by and obtain any information possible on any services you or a family member might need. These serv-



ices are provided by the tribe for the health and wellness of our members.

I would also like to add one more word of thanks for allowing me to serve the tribe as your district #13 legislator for another term. I am extremely honored. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the Festival. If there are any services I can provide information on in future articles please do not hesitate to email me at BBowden@potawatomi.org

Wishing you safe travels to and from the festival!

Migwetch,
Bobbie Bowden

Vice Chairman Linda Capps

Bozho,

Many people in the Shawnee area know that Jim Thorpe was a member of the Sac & Fox Tribe. Not so widely known is the fact that Jim Thorpe's mother, Charlotte Vieux Thorpe, was a member of our own Citizen Potawatomi Tribe and an original allottee. Charlotte was the daughter of Jacob Vieux, who was the grandson of French fur trapper Jacques Vieau and a Potawatomi-Menominee woman.

Charlotte married Hiram Phillip Thorp, the son of Hiram Grace Thorp from Connecticut, and No-ten-o-quah, a full-blooded member of the Sac and Fox tribe. Thus, when Charlotte and Hiram Thorp's son, Jim, was born on May 28, 1887, he was of Sac and Fox and Potawatomi heritage. His mother died at the young age of 38 in 1901. She is buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery near Konawa, Oklahoma.



Jim Thorpe has been acclaimed by many as the "greatest athlete of his time." He was an Olympic champion (gold medalist in both the pentathlon and decathlon in the

1912 Olympics) and a professional football and baseball player. In addition, he excelled at basketball, track, lacrosse, and any sport he attempted. He is a "Native American Sports Legend."

Some sports historians truly believe him to be the "greatest all-around athlete in the history of sports." Personally, I am very proud that Jim Thorpe is of Citizen Potawatomi blood. Those of us who marvel at the stories of Jim Thorpe's accomplishments can take great pride in the fact that Jim Thorpe's mother is on our tribal rolls.

This article is an introduction to an event that will take place June 10-17, 2012 ... the "Jim Thorpe Native American Games." Thousands of Native American athletes from across the United States and Canada will come together in Oklahoma City to compete. Along with the athletic competition, activities will include a Parade of Nations Opening Ceremony, stickball exhibitions, a trade show, and interactive exhibits and clinics.

The concept of bringing Native American athletes from across the country to Oklahoma City to compete in a week-long competition is very exciting. Equally exciting to me is the fact that we have key CPN employees who are participating in the or-

ganization of the 2012 Games.

Jason Greenwalt, CPN tribal member and Director of the CPN Gaming Commission, will serve as the Opening and Closing Ceremonies Chairperson. Credentials Chairperson is CPN tribal member and Grand Casino Compliance Officer **Rodney Kitchen**; NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick Chairperson is **Richard Brown**, Director of Human Resources for CPN. **Debbie Cook**, CPN Executive Hostess at the Grand Casino is the Marketing Chairperson; and **Janet Draper**, Director of CPN Indian Child Welfare and FireLodge will help sponsor an athlete.

I am pleased and proud to announce that our Nation is working toward the success of the 2012 Jim Thorpe Native American Games. We anticipate that the week-long event will yield a series of spectacular and exciting games.

For more information and to obtain a sign-up form to compete in the Jim Thorpe Games, go to www.JimThorpeGames.com.

I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman. I look forward to seeing you at Family Reunion Festival 2011, June 24-26.

Migwetch,
Linda Capps



CPN employees Rodney Kitchen (left), Jason Greenwalt (second from left), and Debbie Cook (fourth from left) will assist with the Jim Thorpe Association's preparations for the Jim Thorpe Native American Games. Nathan Hart (Cheyenne) of the American Indian Cultural Center & Museum in Oklahoma City is fifth from right. Jim Thorpe Games director Anetta Abbott of McCloud is fourth from right.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tag Agency Notice

All Citizen Potawatomi tribal members residing in the State of Oklahoma who are registering a vehicle for the first time that vehicle is registered must do so in person. We apologize for any inconvenience; but this is for the protection of tribal members who have registered their vehicles with the Nation.

Please contact the Tag Agency at 405-878-4844 for information or to register your vehicle.



In this photograph shot in Arkansas City, Kansas in the 1890s, CPN member Charlotte Vieux Thorpe, mother of Jim Thorpe, is shown with two of her daughters.

Attention: CPN Veterans

I am Clyde Yates, a CPN member and Viet Nam veteran. I have trained as a Veterans Services Officer through the VFW, with the training done by certified VA services officers.

If you need any help with your service-connected VA disability claim, please call me at 405-598-0797. Tell the receptionist that you need assistance with a VA claim and need to contact Clyde Yates, service officer. I will return your call and set up an appointment. I will need your name and telephone number.

I look forward to talking to each one of you and helping CPN veterans.

C. 'Rowdy' Yates
405-598-0797

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Naomi Ward



Naomi Brant Ward, 92, passed away on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at Sonterra Health Care in San Antonio, Texas, surrounded by her children. She was born on June 12, 1918, in Shawnee, the daughter of William Walter Brant and Leona Mae Brant. She married Morgan Ward in 1937, and he preceded her in death in, 1987.

Naomi graduated from Shawnee High School. She worked at First Baptist of Houston for 25 years, blessing the lives of children through sharing her love and faith. Naomi, who was better known as MeMa, was blessed on many occasions to be told of the influence she had on the lives of the children she cared for while at First Baptist of Houston. She was a very active mother, raising three children and managing the home she shared with Morgan.

She is survived by two sons, M. Brant Ward and David Ward; one daughter, Rebecca Ward Hansen; six grandchildren, Jason Ward, Sunday Fischer, Erik Hansen, Shane Hansen, Cody Ward, and Devin Ward; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Waltrene Scarborough and Juannel Beauford.

A funeral service was held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at Memorial Oaks Funeral Home in Houston, Texas. Entombment followed in Memorial Oak Cemetery. Visiting hours were from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Messages of condolence may be offered at

to St. Benedict Church Memorial Fund in her memory.

Abbey. She was active in the Blessed Kateri League and worked in promoting the canonization of Blessed Kateri. Currently Wanita was working in the newly formed St. Vincent de Paul Society at the church to aid the poor of the community.

Wanita was also tribal chairman of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe in 1970-71, the first and only woman to hold that office. She was active in the Senior Citizen Programs and while in office she organized and began work on the present golf course.

Wanita was also an active member in the Potawatomi Indian Pow-wow Club.

Besides her parents and her husband, James Kenneth Clifford, she was preceded in death by a sister, Neoma Baptiste; a brother, Cecil Pensoneau; a son-in-law, Jose "Gringo" Cervantes; and brothers-in-law, Ed Pensoneau and Marion Baptiste.

She is survived by her three children, Kenneth Clifford of California, James Clifford of Tecumseh, and Linda Limones of Shawnee; a sister, Velma Jones; and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Pensoneau. Also surviving are numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home, and burial was in Resthaven Cemetery at Shawnee. A Rosary service was held at 6 p.m. on Friday May 13, 2011 at Resthaven Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial was observed at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at St. Benedict Church with Father Wolf officiating. Memorials may be made

www.dignitymemorial.com.

Franklin Lee Jackson



Franklin Lee Jackson, 56, of Lawton, Oklahoma died on Friday, April 29, 2011 in the Norman Regional Hospital. He was born on July 6, 1954, the oldest son of Arthur Lee (A.L.) and Elwanda (Guinn) Jackson in Ventura, California. He lived in Ojai, California until his family moved to Maud, Oklahoma when he was six..

He was the grandson of Curtis Russell 'Russ' and Laura (Mars) Guinn and Arthur Lee and Bertha Ethel (Roberson) Jackson. He was the great-great-grandson of Joseph and Clarissa (Peltier) Mars. He was extremely proud of his Potawatomi heritage.

As a very small child, Mr. Jackson showed an aptitude for the things that would interest him as an adult. His father was a carpenter and gave Franklin a small carpentry set when he was about three years old. He took to carpentry immediately, as his mother attests. Once, she found him on the front porch of the family's house, working on the second 4X4 support post for the porch with his tiny metal saw. After the saw was confiscated, he started taking apart his toys, just to see how they worked. Most of the time, he could re-assemble them. He could never sit still for long, refusing to take naps when he was in kindergartener. The frustrated kindergarten teacher put him in the cloakroom so he wouldn't disturb the other children. After nap time, he was found in the cloakroom, wearing a red plastic fireman's helmet and cheerfully sweeping the floor with a large pushbroom.

During high school, Mr. Jackson took auto mechanics and learned to re-assemble the larger, more complicated things he was taking apart. It wasn't unusual for other

Maud High School students to hear a tractor of an afternoon and see Frank mowing the school lawn instead of sitting at his desk.

He graduated from Maud High School in 1973. After graduation, Frank worked as a carpenter, auto mechanic, welding-truck driver and spent time performing maintenance on his and his wife's rental properties. In his early 30s, he was in an accident and lost 70% of the use of his right arm. He learned to do everything as a left-hander and proceeded with his life.

One of his greatest joys was hosting a huge barbecue on the weekend before Thanksgiving each year. It was open to all family members and friends plus anyone who might happen to drive past his house. Even though an illness took over his life the past few years, Frank Jackson still managed to host his Thanksgiving barbecues.

Frank never met a stranger and had friends across America. He will be missed by all who knew him and remembered for his love of family, willingness to help anyone who needed assistance, his sense of humor, and his absolutely terrible jokes.

In 1985, he met Joyce Robison and married her on January 13, 1986, at which time he inherited two sons and two daughters. He and Joyce bought rental property in Lawton and moved there from Marlow, Oklahoma. He spent the next 15 years doing what he loved: truck driving for Jeep and Buddy and taking care of his rentals.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce, of the home; his mother Elwanda of Maud; two sisters, Laura Anne Jackson and Karen Jenkins; a brother, Dennis Jackson; two nephews, Jason Jenkins and Brad Jackson, a niece, Katie Jackson; and a great-niece, Kadence Jenkins, all of the Shawnee and Maud area. He is also survived by his inherited family, stepsons Lloyd and James Ward; stepdaughters Anita Ward and Robin Jones; who collectively gave him 14 grandchildren, plus one deceased, and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, A.L. Jackson, and both sets of grandparents, the Jacksons and the Guinns.

Frank requested that no one buy a suit for his funeral, saying that attendees should show up in their overalls.

Viewing was from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home. The funeral service was held at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home, 2701 SW J Avenue in Lawton on Wednesday, May 4 at 4:00 pm.

CPN member Andrew Mock earns \$121,500 fellowship

NSF grant awarded to five OSU students



Andrew Mock

Five Oklahoma State University students, including a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, have been selected to receive more than a half-a-million dollars in funding from the prestigious National Science Foundation. Joining CPN member Andrew Mock in receiving the awards and being named NSF Graduate Fellows this spring are Lydia Meador, a Broken Arrow, Oklahoma botany, biochemistry, and microbiology senior; Laura Merriman, a Holdenville, Oklahoma biosystems engineering senior; Taber Midgley, a Durant, Oklahoma biosystems engineering graduate student; and Jessica Morrison, a Bay City, Michigan microbiology graduate student.

Mock, of Edmond, Oklahoma, is a civil engineering senior.

Receiving honorable mentions were Phillip Long, a Stillwater, Oklahoma botany graduate student, and Elisabeth Ponce-Garcia, a Life Span Development Psychology Ph.D. student from Mustang, Oklahoma.

"The quality and success of OSU students is on full display with both undergraduates and graduate students bringing home such major awards," said OSU President

Burns Hargis. "We are proud of these extremely talented students and the faculty and others who supported them in their success."

The value of each three-year Fellowship is \$121,500, according to Michael Hepler, assistant director of Student Academic Services for the graduate college. This includes \$90,000 in funding paid directly as stipends to each student, plus \$10,500 annually to cover tuition and fees and other ancillary support at the institution where each student chooses to study.

"We are very proud of the five OSU students who have been awarded NSF Graduate Research Fellowships," said Dr. Mark Payton, Interim Dean of the Graduate College. "These awards are the result of outstanding research performed by our students and their faculty mentors, and we extend our congratulations to them and their families. We wish all our scholars the best, whether they continue their research endeavors at OSU or choose to display the Oklahoma State brand at other prestigious research institutions."

Taber and Morrison plan to use their Fellowships at OSU. Taber will study biosys-

tems engineering, and Morrison will study microbiology.

Meador will be using the grant for the Biological Design Ph.D. program at Arizona State University. Mock will study civil engineering at the University of Illinois, and Merriman will study biological and agricultural engineering at North Carolina State University.

The Fellowship program is NSF's oldest program, founded in 1952. The program has supported more than 44,000 U.S. citizens, nationals, and permanent residents in pursuing advanced degrees in science or en-

gineering. The program is highly competitive and is designed to help the U.S. maintain a talented and diverse scientific and technological workforce. According to the NSF, the Fellows are expected to become knowledge experts who will contribute to the nation's research, teaching, and scientific and engineering innovations.

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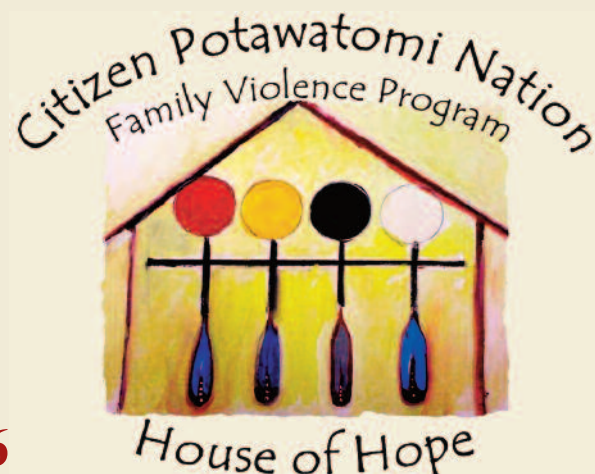
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FireLodge Youth Council

Summer is Just Around the Corner!

The FireLodge Tribal Youth Program is gearing up for our second year of summer camps to be held in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Last year's camps were filled with a lot of learning and a whole lot of fun. We're looking forward to the same results this summer!

Our high school camp will be for those students entering ninth through twelfth grade, and will begin on June 14. All pertinent information is available on the flyer printed in this paper. We will have guest speakers dealing with such topics as job readiness, preparing for college, and personal relationships.

In addition, the high school students will take part in cultural enrichment activities and weekly wellness programs. At the end of each week, our students will be rewarded with a day of fun at various locations around Oklahoma, including Frontier City and Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

We are excited this year to partner with the Community Development Corporation to provide an intense financial literacy course during the last week of our high school camp.

Our Middle School camp is for students entering seventh or eighth grade, and will run from July 19 through August 5 (Tuesday through Friday of each week. Unlike the high school camp, which is for half-days, this will be a full-day camp experience. Our middle-schoolers will partner with the wellness program, participating in both the golf camp and various activities at FireLake Wellness Center.

We will also attend special events being hosted at the public library. The Middle School camp will also feature cultural activities and lessons, as well as fun trips to the zoo, the local municipal pool, and weekly reward trips similar to those of the High School camp.

Due to the limited number of spaces available, it is imperative that students get their applications in as soon as possible. The application deadline for the high school camp is May 27, and the middle school applications must be received by June 24.

The applications and promotional information are both available under the "News" link at www.potawatomi.org. If you need



Kyle Murdock

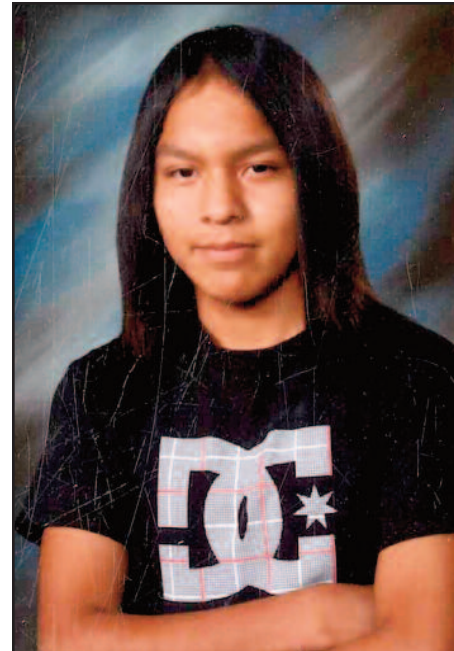
more information or would prefer to have an application mailed, feel free to call Jeff Foresee at 405-598-0797.

FireLodge Youth Council is Creating Leaders

This past January, the FireLodge Youth Council selected four members of the council to serve on the Leadership Committee based on a majority vote. The vote was taken confidentially by silent ballot and committee members were announced at the following month's meeting. Several of the FireLodge Youth Council members were willing to serve on the Leadership Committee, and it was very pleasing to the advisors to see so many young people offer to serve in this capacity.

Members of the Council were informed that it would require a big commitment on their part and might involve meeting more than the regular once-a-month meeting. The Leadership Committee is also responsible for running the meetings and leading the other Council members in accomplishing goals and tasks set out by the Youth Council.

Over time, additional committees will be formed to carry out other duties, such as the various fundraisers held over the course of the year in order to attend the annual UNITY Conference being held in Minneapolis this year. The Leadership Commit-



Jeremy Johnson

tee's role is to guide the other council members in making each activity successful and well-publicized.

In this and the next edition of the *HowNiKan*, we intend to take a moment to introduce you to the members of the Leadership Committee who are serving during the current term. Two males and two females were selected, and we'd like to begin by introducing you to the oldest and youngest members of our Leadership Committee in this edition.

The oldest member of the council is Kyle Murdock. Kyle is a junior at Bethel High School, where he is a star football player. Kyle's parents are Christina and Jonas Walker, and he has a younger sister, Ashley Murdock, who is also a member of the FireLodge Youth Council.

Kyle joined the youth council in May 2010. Since that time, he has taken a very active role on the Council. Before being elected to the Leadership Committee, Kyle clearly showed signs of being a natural leader. He was respectful of both of his adult advisors as well as his younger counterparts and other peers on the Council.

Kyle has an especially close relationship with his younger sister and younger cousin, Jeremy. While his family members already respected Kyle, he quickly earned the respect of everyone else serving on the

FireLodge Youth Council, as well. He willingly takes the lead and will often be the first to speak out on behalf of his peers. He serves as spokesperson for the Council during the quarterly Tribal Youth Advisory Board Meetings held at Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

He has portrayed a very mature approach in his participation, and his work ethic is outstanding. Not only is Kyle accountable, but his parents have also been very receptive, helpful, and supportive of all of Kyle's activities. As advisors, we are blown away by Kyle's abilities and willingness. He is a great asset to the council, and we are so happy to have him represent the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's FireLodge Youth Council. It should come as no surprise that Kyle was elected as Chair of the Council for the current year. He also serves as the Male National Representative for the Council to UNITY.

The youngest member of the Leadership Committee happens to be related to Kyle. Jeremy Johnson is an eighth-grade student at Shawnee High School where he is involved in many activities, including baseball and band.

Jeremy is a very creative, intelligent, yet shy young man. He is typically soft-spoken and quiet, but when he does speak, it's always in your best interest to listen. His imagination and keen sense of humor make him all the more likeable.

Jeremy joined the FireLodge Youth Council in August 2009 when it was first developing. It was only a few months later that he lost his mother after a long battle with diabetes and other health complications. This experience, while so difficult on someone so young, has also made Jeremy reflect on his situation and appreciate family even more. His sensibility and kindness have only grown; he is truly a very special young man and a talented member of the Council.

Jeremy's maternal aunt, Shawna Spoon, has cared for Jeremy and his younger sister for many years. Her dedication and love for her family shine through Jeremy's actions and deeds. He is wise beyond his years and will provide a bright future for this group of young people.

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FireLodge Youth Council, con't. from page 21

One of the greatest memories I will carry with me of these two young men is the time we took members of the youth council on a float trip down the Illinois River in July 2010. Three advisors, three rafts, and ours was the only one with fewer than five rowers; Ashley Murdock was also rafting with us.

We were the last to leave the shore and the last to arrive at our destination six miles later. While everyone else was worn out and

had lost patience waiting on our raft to arrive, all four of us knew we would cherish great memories of getting marooned on a shallow barge, laughing uncontrollably at trying to wade out of the small tributaries we somehow managed to find ourselves in, and getting nearly flipped out of the raft by our strongest rower, Kyle, who apparently had complete disregard for the one adult on board who preferred not to get completely soaking wet!

Lavena (Ogee) Terry, con't from page 6



At left, Lavena Terry's parents, William Jefferson and Cecile (Ogee) Powell are shown in a photo taken in Lubbock, Texas in 1981. At right, Lavena is shown with her husband Joe Terry in 1994.

John Lafayette in 1824, and Louis Henry in 1828. Throughout his life, Joseph ran an inn and a ferry company on Rock River. Additionally, he was an interpreter for the government in the Indian treaty negotiations. His sons John and Louis ran several ferries on Kansas rivers. John and wife Sarah Ann Morrow had two children Robert Allen (born December 1948 in Topeka, Kansas) and Elizabeth.

Two families unite: Robert Allen Ogee Sr. lived in Topeka until the age of 44, in 1892, where he married Emily Antoinette Beaubien in July 1870. They had eight children: daughters Alice, May, Julia, Lila, and Tina and sons John L., Robert Jr., and Louis Halleck. Smallpox took the lives of several Ogee family members in the period 1881 to 1885. Seven years after his father John died in 1885, Robert took his family to Norman, Oklahoma. Since then, most of the family line is buried at Sacred Heart Cemetery near Konawa in central Oklahoma. Then, in 1893, Robert moved to what is now Maud.

Robert Ogee Sr. was the first undertaker



in Maud, shipping caskets in from Tennessee and storing them in his barn. He bought into a sawmill that he helped operate, making his own caskets as well as building his home in the Ellaville community. It was impossible to buy ice in those days so he built a rock house, and he and his sons chopped ice from Salt Creek and stored it in sawdust.

In 1915, Robert Ogee Sr. sawed the timber rigs for the first oil production well in Pittsburgh County, Oklahoma. He was an advocate for building good roads and schools. Much was known about his pioneering efforts in this new country. "Uncle Bob", as he was familiarly called, always worked in the interest of community growth and development. He played the fiddle and was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, and Methodist Church. Robert Ogee Sr. died on October 26, 1939 at age 91. He was buried in Cummings Cemetery at Maud. At his death he had 28 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

His son Louis Halleck Ogee took over

The Northern California Tribal Area Gathering has been scheduled for July 30, 2011 at the

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There is a small block of rooms being held for CPN members at a discounted rate. Guests should reference Citizen Potawatomi Nation when calling for these rooms. The cut-off date for these rooms is July 8, 2011. To RSVP to attend the meeting, call Jamie Moucka at 800-880-9880 or e-mail her at JMoucka@Potawatomi.org no later than Wednesday, July 27, 2011.

his dad's funeral parlor, as well as his father's beloved position in the community. He was well-loved and known for his sense of humor and compassion. He was the town's beloved Saint Nick each Christmas at the community center, as well as serving as Chief of the Potawatomi Nation, which had moved its Council to Shawnee, Oklahoma, where it remains today. Louis and wife Essie Barrow had five children: Rainey, Roy, Cecile, Fern, and June.

Paternal lineage - Powell 1800's: Lavena's children know little about her father's family, who took up farming in the mid-1800s in what was the Unassigned Land of the Indian Territory (and became Oklahoma Territory in 1890). There is one picture, dated 1908, showing Arthur Lee and Mattie Pearl (Kelly) Powell with their son William Jefferson (born 1903) and daughters Mary Ethel (born 1899) and Dorothy Mae (born 1906). W.J. met and married Cecile Powell in Maud in 1923 and had six children: Wynema, Lavena, Billy,

Marilou, Jerry, and Carol. Bill worked as a farmer in Maud and then in Clovis, New Mexico, during the Great Depression. Marilou died of leukemia at the age of 13. Cecile played the piano and organ in church until her children were in college. Lavena had childhood stories of great prairie fires that swept across the horizon toward their farm outside Clovis, along with stories of winter snowstorms that buried their house on three sides. She tended the barn chickens, giving them pet names and crying when her pets were served up on Sunday; played the string bass in high school orchestra; and began her lifelong love for writing and reading.

The family moved back to Lubbock when Wynema entered Texas Technological College in 1944, living in a large house on 13th Street, two blocks from the campus. W.J. worked as a truck driver, hotel owner in Paducah, Texas, and at various other interests. He died in 1985; his wife Cecile passed in 2000.

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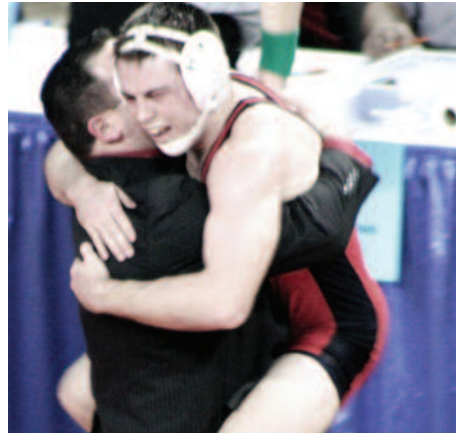


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Member Matt Kennedy earns wrestling, FB honors



At left, QB Matt Kennedy heads back to the huddle in a 2011 Geary High game. At right, 145-pound wrestler Matt Kennedy celebrates his newly-earned state championship in the arms of Geary High wrestling coach Derek Scheihing.
Story by the Geary, Oklahoma Star

Storytellers and songwriters search for the type of narrative that took place this on the evening of Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Oklahoma City's State Fair Arena. It was there that Geary, Oklahoma High School senior Matt Kennedy, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, was crowned champion in his last go at the Class 3A State Wrestling Tournament.

Kennedy's season, even his career for that matter, has been stellar. He posted a 147-19 record in high school and was 35-5 during his senior season; yet, that one elusive state title hadn't come his way. "It seemed we always fell a bit short, which is tough to swallow when a kid who works as hard as Matt doesn't get rewarded," commented Coach Derek Scheihing. Just the previous week, Kennedy finished second at the Western Regional, losing in the first overtime. It seemed to follow a previously-established pattern of falling a bit short. But, as in all good songs and tales, the good guy would win in the end.

Kennedy's quadruple, seventh-period win over Trent Williams of Perry proved to be the ending everyone was wanting, no one more than Matt himself. After regulation, Kennedy and Williams were tied at 1-1. In the first overtime, whichever wrestler gains a takedown wins. With 15 seconds remaining, Kennedy sunk in deep on a double-leg, only to have Williams evade at the last possible moment.

The pair went scoreless in the fourth. In the fifth and sixth periods, each wrestler may choose up or down (position). For 30 seconds during these two periods, the wrestlers can score as many points as pos-

sible; yet again, both wrestlers would only manage the one point for an escape.

This is the point at which the drama began. In the seventh period, dubbed the "Ultimate Tie-Breaker," the wrestler who scored first in the match has his choice of either up or down. If there is an escape, the bottom man wins and is declared champion; if the top man rides out for 30 seconds, he wins and, in this instance, would be declared state champion.

Williams had scored first, so he chose down. "I was a bit nervous. In our two chances in the top position, we had barely ridden a total of 10 seconds, and now Matt had to do it for 30 seconds," exclaimed Coach Scheihing. In the end, Kennedy's heart and determination carried the day. After the 30 seconds had expired, Williams had yet to escape. As a result, Matt Kennedy was crowned Oklahoma State Champion in the 145-pound class.

Irony was certainly at play, also, as Kennedy had gained revenge from his previous loss to Williams, just the previous week, Matt would have considered this an ending worth being told. However, it got even better as Kennedy was crowned Outstanding Wrestler off the Class 3A State Tournament.

This was not the sum total of Matt Kennedy's athletics honors this school year. Along with his GHS teammate Dalton Buser, who is a defensive back, quarterback Kennedy has been chosen to play in the eight-man football All-Star game, scheduled for June in Miami, Oklahoma.

Kennedy has accepted an athletic scholarship to wrestle at Oklahoma City University.



Citizen Potawatomi Nation member James Alan Coder of Topeka, Kansas, was awarded a Bachelor Degree from The University of Kansas School of Business in December 2010. Coder qualified academically to become a member of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

Coder is a descendant of Effie Dike (his great-grandmother) of the Bourbonnais family. He is the son of Timothy L. Coder of Hoyt, Kansas. James is especially appreciative of the financial assistance he received from CPN to enable him to attain this degree. He is presently living in the Boston, Massachusetts area, where he is employed in the business field.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I accept the opportunity to serve our great Nation as the District #13 legislative representative.

I will do my best to serve to the best of my ability.

Migwetch!

**Bobbie Bowden
CPN Legislator
District #13**





CPCDC earns state economic development partnership award

Seminole State College was the site for a statewide Economic Development Recognition Program hosted by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education on Tuesday, April 26 at the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. Chancellor of Higher Education Glen Johnson and college and university presidents and administrators from across the state joined business leaders being honored for their partnership efforts with higher education.

The Economic Development Partnership Recognition program honors outstanding partnerships that lead to significant contributions in educating and developing Oklahoma's workforce.

Seminole State College and the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation were among the honorees at the event.

The joint efforts of Seminole State College and the CPCDC have had a positive impact on the economic climate of Central Oklahoma, according to SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback. The organizations' collective work has fostered the growth of existing businesses and assisted with the recruitment of new industries to the area.

The Rural Business and Resources Center at Seminole State College and the CPN's Community Development Corporation are both highly involved in two major economic development organizations - Oklahoma Southeast and Cross Timbers RC&D. The groups combine their efforts to create jobs and provide financing and other services to businesses throughout the southeast quadrant of the state.

The past year has seen continued success and growth for CPCDC and its clients. The organization made more than \$4.6 million in loans to 20 Native American-owned companies looking to start or grow their business. As a result, these firms were able to create or retain more than 80 jobs.

SSC Rural Business and Resources Center Director Larry Smith said, "The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation and Executive Director Kristi Coker Bias have been a constant resource



Citizen Potawatomi Nation and SSC Honored: From left, Chancellor of Higher Education Glen Johnson, SSC Rural Business and Resources Director Larry Smith, SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback, Vice President of Institutional Advancement Lana Reynolds, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Community Development Corporation Executive Director Kristi Coker Bias, and Secretary of Commerce Dave Lopez are pictured after being recognized by the Oklahoma State Regents for their economic development partnership.

for the College's economic development office. The two entities share information to assist clients and share ideas to provide economic stability to communities throughout their service area. Specifically, they have jointly worked on projects to create jobs in Wewoka, Meeker, and Shawnee."

The tribe itself has also been a long-time supporter of Seminole State College. A large number of Citizen Potawatomi tribal members take classes at Seminole State, receiving financial support from the tribe to attend college. The tribe has also supported capital improvements on the Seminole State College campus through support of the SSC Educational Foundation.

CPN Vice Chairman Linda Capps served as a Trustee on the Foundation board for many years, and Kristi Coker Bias currently represents the tribe on that board.

"The partnership between Seminole State College and the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation has been extremely beneficial in economic and educational efforts. We are proud of our partnership and pleased that our joint efforts

have been recognized by the State Regents," said SSC Vice President for Institutional Advancement Lana Reynolds.

To learn more about the Partnership Recognition Program visit www.okhighered.org/econo-dev.



Bozho,

I would like to express my appreciation and continued support to all Potawatomis for the new term as your Oklahoma Legislator for District #10; I am unopposed in the 2011 election.

My pledge to CPN executives, my fellow legislators, and CPN members is to continue doing my utmost best to make all decisions based on the first priority for our Nation. I have diligently studied the CPN policies, procedures, and constitution. I will remain abreast of any developments that affect the Nation. When the time comes, I will continue stepping up to the plate and rendering decisions in a manner that will be fair and objective.

These are the lessons I have learned from having served the Nation as a Grievance Committee and First National Bank Board of Directors member and now preparing to serve a second term as your Oklahoma Legislator, District #10.

I sincerely thank you for your support in the past, and look forward to the great things that are developing on our new horizon.

Migwetch,

David Barrett/Mnedobe

Legislator, District #10 - DBarrett@Potawatomi.org



Potawatomi Language Department

Elder who preserved Potawatomi language dies

Cecelia Miksekwe Jackson, 88, a well respected elder and one of the last fluent speakers of the Potawatomi language, died on Sunday, May 30, 2011 at a Topeka, Kansas Hospital. Meeks was born on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation in Kansas and lived all of her life there. She was a lifelong member of the Drum Religion and was dedicated to the teaching of Potawatomi ways and preserving the language. It was through her efforts that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) Language Department began in 1998 and is still maintained by a full-time staff and several volunteers who are revitalizing the language and culture.

Meeks was noted for having the ability to comprehend and bridge together four languages - Potawatomi, Odawa, Ojibwe, and English - for use in composition, which was then used to teach the language and culture to others. Among her accomplishments, in collaboration with the language department, were a Prairie Band Potawatomi dictionary, grammar book, two audio/video DVD books, and a book titled "Stories of the Potawatomi". All were written in the Potawatomi language. Last year, she was honored with a ceremonial dinner given by the Prairie Band people and lead-



Cecelia Miksekwe Jackson

ers for her life's work.

In addition, Meeks also worked at Slimaker Dress Factory for many years and at the PBPB Bingo Hall. She was also a member of the We-Ta-Se Post #410 American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by a daughter, Jan Pom Hubbard of Lecompton, Kansas, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Drum services were held on the evening of Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at her home. Burial was in Potts Cemetery on the reservation on the afternoon of Thursday, June 2, 2011. Meeks lay in state at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton, Kansas on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 31 and June 1, 2011.

Florida Member wins Pendleton blanket

At a Tribal Area Gathering in the Florida panhandle on April 30, Rep. Carney presented a Pendleton blanket to Sarah Copeland of Orange Park, Florida in honor of Ms. Copeland's winning a photo contest.

Rep. Carney asked her constituents to submit photos depicting a Potawatomi location within the district's geographical boundaries.



Sarah Copeland

CPN member requests prayers, bone marrow registrations Danielle Lowe battles leukemia

(Editor's note: Danielle Lowe is a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member of the Navarre Family. She is the oldest granddaughter of Robert Joseph Navarre Jr. and Rita Navarre of Harrah, Oklahoma. Because Danielle is of Native descent, the odds of her finding a match are greater among Potawatomi people. The Navarre Family thanks you for the prayers and support for our sister during these difficult times. This is her first-person account of her battle with leukemia.)

Hello, my name is Danielle Lowe. Currently I'm in a battle for my life against a very aggressive form of Leukemia called Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML). My diagnosis came as I was getting my four-month post-partum checkup after the birth of our son Thomas in December 2010. My husband Mark and I were crushed as we were looking forward to our first Christmas as a new family. Instead, I was immediately placed in the hospital to begin the necessary chemo treatment to fight this leukemia.

The only known cure for AML is a bone marrow transplant. I was released in March, and was able to visit with my transplant specialist in San Antonio. Then, my bloodwork was coming back showing I was in remission, and the urgency for the bone marrow transplant was very low. I was able to do monthly chemo treatments, return to work part-time at CPHS, and have fun play times with Thomas, who is almost nine months old. But, on May 9, I learned that I was no longer in remission, and the urgency of the transplant became very immediate.

As we undergo another round of aggressive chemo, we are searching for a bone marrow match. The new marrow will replace my current marrow, allowing my body to produce only healthy cells. This is a lengthy three-month process.

During this treatment, I will have very limited access to my family. As a new mother this has been especially hard on me; I will miss many of Thomas' first milestones. Financially, it will be hard on my family as I will not be able to work. Because of this, my family has pulled together to hold a benefit dinner and silent auction



CPN member Danielle Lowe of Harrah, Oklahoma, with husband Mark and son Thomas, faces a bone marrow transplant to defeat Acute Myelogenous Leukemia.

to help us pay for the cost of the transplant, once a matching donor is found, and all the expenses that come along with it.

Many have asked what they can do to help, to them I say the following:

✱✱ Pray for Healing and a Bone Marrow Match to be found - If you would like to donate you can visit www.Marrow.org, or call 800-627-7692 and they will send a DNA cheek swab that you can mail back and possibly save a life.

✱✱ Donate items or goods for the benefit dinner & silent auction.

✱✱ Purchase a ticket to the dinner and enjoy an evening of live music and fun.

✱✱ Make a financial donation to "The Danielle L. Lowe Donation Acct" acct# 7759844892 at any Wells Fargo Banks.

I would like to you thank you for your support, if you do feel inclined to donate. Despite the economic hardship facing us all, I am in awe of the generous support and outpouring of love from all in our community. What a blessing it is to be loved by so many. I hope and pray that, once I am healed from AML, I am able to return that love and generosity to others who may find themselves in a similar pair of shoes.

I know that God will provide, and I have felt him so close to me during this time. He is "My strong tower, my Fortress when I am weak." Please feel free to watch our journey on Facebook: mrs.danielle.lowe@gmail.com. Thank You, Danielle (Navarre) Lowe

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Citizen Potawatomi Nation Preserves Heritage While Looking to Future

By Paul Wenske, Senior Community Affairs Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank/Kansas City

(Editor's note: The Winter 2011 edition of *Community Connections*, the publication of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank featured a profile of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Cultural Heritage Center and a Question and Answer feature, with Vice Chairman Linda Capps responding to Senior Community Affairs Advisor Paul Wenske's queries.)

Stepping into the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Cultural Heritage Center in Shawnee, Okla., takes visitors back in time to a rich period in history. Upon entering, one is greeted by a realistic, hands-on exhibit designed to resemble a traditional Potawatomi village that details daily tribal life, including family relations, social sharing and agricultural pursuits.

The center, built in 2006, attracts more than 20,000 visitors annually and has a reputation as one of the foremost tribal museums in both Indian Country and the greater United States. The 36,000-square-foot center was envisioned "as a living history museum" to celebrate the cultural contributions of Native Americans, and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in particular, to U.S. history.

But the Nation isn't tethered to just a remarkable past. It is expanding into the future with profitable enterprises, social and health centers and construction projects that not only sustain the Nation, but contribute to the local and state economy. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City President Tom Hoenig and other Bank officials were provided an inside look at the Nation's heritage and economic growth initiatives this past October when the Bank held its Fall Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) meeting in Oklahoma.

Linda Capps, the vice chairman of the Nation, is a member of the CDAC, which meets with President Hoenig and members of the Bank's senior management to provide insight on economic and community development issues in the seven states of the Tenth Federal Reserve District.

As Bank officials and CDAC members learned, the Nation's holdings are impressive and include two casinos, a grocery



The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Cultural Heritage Center in Shawnee, Oklahoma, celebrates the cultural contributions of Native Americans to U.S. history. The Nation's various enterprises contribute to the local economy and employment base.

store, a golf course, a radio station, a community development financial institution (CDFI), and a bank, First National Bank & Trust Co. in Shawnee, which has seven branches in various Oklahoma communities.

More is underway. The Nation is constructing a 24-lane bowling alley, a health clinic and a 60,000-square-foot arena that will host concerts, livestock shows, motorcycle races and other popular events. Planned for later this year is a new youth council building, which will include a gymnasium. The Nation also remains true to the earth, heating and cooling some of its buildings with an extensive geothermal energy system.

Nation Chairman John Barrett explained that wise management of its varied enterprises has allowed the tribe, which had \$550 in the bank 40 years ago, to be worth about \$400 million today. He said the enterprises employ about 2,000 people, making the Nation Pottawatomie County's biggest employer. Noting the impact on the local economy, Barrett explained that tribal members take "a great deal of pride in our

community."

In fact, the tribe has a history of entrepreneurship. Members owned one of the first dealerships to sell the McCormick reaper, a machine that revolutionized wheat harvesting in the first half of the 1800s. Anyone visiting the Nation's Cultural Heritage Center can plainly see the pride that tribal members hold for their history.

Interactive exhibits and touch-screen displays allow visitors to learn about ancestral Potawatomi lands, villages and genealogy, including the forced emigrations of Potawatomi from the Great Lakes to Indian Territory.

The center's staff is also working with artisans, linguists, elders and scholars to create a series of short films focusing on traditional legends and teachings as the Nation continues to link its future with its past. For more information, visit: <http://www.potawatomi.org/>.

Q&A: Linda Capps

Linda Capps is the vice chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, which has nearly 30,000 tribal members and is head-

quartered in Shawnee, Oklahoma. She has also worked in education for 20 years as a high school business teacher, adult education instructor, and as a government-contracting specialist with the Oklahoma Bid Assistance Program. She has worked at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in conjunction with her duties as vice chairman since January 1999 and has been an elected official at the Nation since 1987.

Ms. Capps was honored by the Small Business Administration in 1997 as the "Oklahoma Minority Advocate of the Year," for her successful assistance to minority small business owners. She currently serves on the Tenth Federal Reserve District's Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC), which meets with the Bank president and members of the Bank's senior management to offer insight on economic and community development issues in the District's seven states. Community Connections periodically features CDAC members and other leaders committed to community and economic development.

An edited interview with Ms. Capps follows:

How important are the tribal nations to the Oklahoma economy?

The 38 federally recognized tribes in the state of Oklahoma have a huge impact on the state's economy. For those tribes that own casinos, the growth in gaming alone creates over \$30 billion in revenue per year. Profits stay in Oklahoma and are circulated back into the communities and state. Benefits can be seen in tribal housing and health services, roads and bridges, construction projects, and donations to schools and community organizations.

What is a unique characteristic of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation?

We are the only tribe within the United States that elects a portion of its officials outside of its jurisdiction. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation changed its constitution in 2007 by referendum of the voting members to extend representation from designated districts throughout the United States. It is fitting that tribal members from outside of Oklahoma (about two-thirds) now have



Kansas City Fed officials recently toured enterprises owned by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Shawnee, Okla. Pictured left to right are: First National Bank & Trust Co. CEO and President Larry Briggs; Potawatomi Nation Vice Chairman Linda Capps; Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City President Tom Hoenig; and Potawatomi Nation Chairman John Barrett.

governmental representation.

What major challenge is the Citizen Potawatomi Nation facing?

All Indian tribes within the state of Oklahoma face challenges inherent to sovereign nations. There are issues, and sometimes conflict, between states and tribal entities. At the same time, compacts, contracts and agreements have been used successfully to address these issues. In addition, our state has been in an economic slump similar to all parts of the country. We have done well to compensate by cutting back on expenses whenever and wherever possible within the governmental programs and enterprises.

What are some recent accomplishments you are especially proud of?

At a time when unemployment is up statewide, the Nation has maintained employment at a consistent level. In coming

months, our Nation will be hiring for a new bowling center, an events center and for construction of numerous projects. We have more land in trust, more medical and social services, and more long-term employment than ever before. We are also reaching more tribal members. We are a blessed Nation!

What brings you to work each day?

I am very fortunate. Each day there is something new and exciting on my agenda. It might be the responsibility to research a new enterprise or the privilege to help a tribal member. I may have the opportunity to serve a young child, or it might be an elder with whom I have never worked before. The person who seeks my assistance on a certain day might live in the local area or reside in a state as far away as Alaska or Hawaii.

**Visit the
Citizen Potawatomi Nation
Cultural Heritage Center
1899 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, Oklahoma
Call 405-878-5830**

Potawatomi Language Program



This is the home page from the new CPN Cultural Heritage Center website at www.PotawatomiHeritage.org.

New Cultural Heritage Center website debuts

The new website will have extensive information on Potawatomi history, culture, and language. It is at www.potawatomiheritage.org.

This is an ongoing project involving the Cultural Resources Department, the Language Department, and Tribal Rolls. It debuted on June 1.

We have begun placing videos of language classes being taught in Shawnee online at this site. Our hope is that this will prove to be another valuable tool for members who want to learn the language at their own pace.

Eventually we will be putting workbooks and quizzes on the site to enhance this self-paced language environment. There will be the ability to take a virtual tour of the Museum. Also, there will be a number of stories and an instructional section on making different types of regalia, such as an eagle bustle. We also have links to and information about the various styles of dance, with accompanying videos and pictures.

As you can see there are a number of tools available to language learners, such as

information on online classes, three older dictionaries and a newer one developed by the language department. We also offer information on the structure and grammar of the language. These sections will continually be updated and added to as we head into the future.

We hope that tribal members will appreciate this new website and find it helpful in reconnecting to their heritage.

Festival Schedule

We will have a number of language learning opportunities during the Family Reunion Festival. On Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Cultural Heritage Center, we will be teaching a Beginner Potawatomi Class and an Intermediate Potawatomi Class.

Also, we will be hosting an open drumming session on Saturday for two hours next to the Bourbonnais cabin. And, look for a special class for children.

We look forward to seeing you at the Festival.

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Justin Neely
CPN Language Program Director

YOUR CPN LEGISLATOR NEEDS YOU!

Due to privacy concerns, CPN legislators are not routinely given your street addresses. So, you as CPN citizens need to reach out to them! If you are a CPN member and would like to receive regular e-mailings of information from your Citizen Potawatomi Nation legislator, please send him or her an e-mail the legislator's e-mail address. Please include your name, e-mail address, home phone number, cell phone number, and street address.

You can find your legislator's address and e-mail address at www.Potawatomi.org/Government/Legislature/default.aspx/.

Tribal Area Gathering - Phoenix, Arizona

Monty and Susan Sanders of Queen Creek, Arizona. Monty is a descendant of Ozeta Spear and the Trombla family.



David and Judy Moody drove from Tempe, Arizona. David is a descendant of the Omer Lewis family.



Chairman John Barrett poses with Bobby Lile, and his grandchildren Collin and McKenzie. Bobby's son Steve is holding the baby. The Liles are descendants of the Pembogo family.

Rep. Gene Lambert with tribal member Tracey Neal and her fiancé Lee Gentry. A few days after the TAG, Gene married Tracey and Lee in a traditional marriage ceremony.



Van McDonald and wife Sue of Cottonwood, AZ arrived early at the park. Van is a member of Bertrand family.

Youngest enrolled member is 15 month old Jaelynn Stewart of Avondale, AZ shown with her mom Kimra and Chairman Barrett. They are members of the Greemore family.



Charles Esch talks on the phone as other tribal members and their families visit before lunch is served.

Rep. Gene Lambert adjusts a beautiful shawl for Tracey Neal and Lee Gentry as she conducts a traditional wedding ceremony for them on April 9.



Joy Esch of Phoenix, AZ is shown with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, James Lambson, Gage Driscoll, Emmy Lambson, Anna Lambson, and Ashley Driscoll. They are members of the Navarre family.

Eldest enrolled member is Roy Melot of Gilbert, Arizona who is a proud 96 years old.



The Easter Bunny's arrival quickly drew the attention of children attending the Tribal Area Gathering.

The Enchanted Park setting for the Phoenix Tribal Area Gathering was a very beautiful one.

